

## WEEKENDWEATHER

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## WEDNESDAYS LIVE

SAC presents acoustic and soul artist Michael Warren, 8 p.m., Oct. 18, in the Station. Warren recently performed nationally at the United Negro College Fund Benefit Concert. Admission is free.

## HEARTLAND VIEW

The new Heartland View Web site is up and running. Check it out at Heartlandview.com

## TODAY

Faculty piano recital: Anthony Olson, 8 p.m. at the Charles Johnson Theater.

## FRIDAY

First block ends

Mandatory student teacher campus seminars for all education majors.

Indian Student Association dinner, 6 p.m., Union Ballroom.

Newman Center Abbey campout

## SATURDAY

KXCX/KRNW On Air Fund Drive

Admissions Green and White Visit Day

## SUNDAY

Third installment due

Wind symphony concert, 3 p.m., Charles Johnson Theater

## MONDAY

Black Woman Appreciation Week

## WEDNESDAY

Last date to get 100 percent refund for dropped second block courses

## KNWT CHANNEL 8

### PROGRAMMING

### SCHEDULE

Monday-Thursday

7 p.m. Etc.

7:30 p.m. Inside Northwest

8 p.m. Bearcat Update

8:30 p.m. Bearcat Idol

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# Packed house welcomes terror analyst

Jessica Schmidt  
Managing Editor

Another terrorist attack on the United States is not a matter of if, but when, according to one of the world's leading experts on international terrorism.

Peter Bergen, author and CNN terrorism analyst, produced al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden's first television interview in 1997.

Bergen spoke in front of a full house in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center Monday as a part of the University's Distinguished Lecture Series.

Bergen said he was working at CNN in 1996 when he first heard of bin Laden.

According to Bergen, his bosses were reluctant but gave him the go ahead to travel to Afghanistan for an interview.

"We had to travel to Pakistan and Afghanistan without visas... It was not easy meeting with him," Bergen said. "We spent a lot of time explaining who we were."

After waiting a few days, Bergen described how they were blindfolded and transported in several different vehicles to bin Laden's location. The transporters were worried about tracking devices, so the CNN crew had to leave behind their equipment including watches.

"My first impression of him (bin Laden) was that he was very tall, unassuming and

low-key," Bergen said. "If you didn't know what he was talking about you would think he was reading out of a phonebook, but in fact he was declaring war on the United States."

That day, Bergen said bin Laden read a foreign policy critique of the United States, but Bergen was doubtful of bin Laden's capabilities.

"He is intelligent, well-informed, but I was thinking how do you attack the United States from a mud hut in the middle of Afghanistan?" Bergen said.

A year later when al-Qaida coordinated attacks on U.S. embassies in Kenya and



Terror analyst Peter Bergen of CNN talks about al-Qaida and current terrorism threats around the world.

see **PACKED** on 5A

"Students hear fire alarms all the time so that desensitizes them to the noise. Treat every fire alarm like it's a real one. The one time you don't, your life could be gone,"

-Matt Young, equipment assistant manager



Glass shatters and flames roll from the simulated dorm room set ablaze in the Centennial Garden Tuesday for about five minutes. The event was designed to help students realize why the "no flames" policy in Northwest's dorms is in place.

## UP IN SMOKE

Simulated dorm room fire intended to open up student eyes about fire safety

Andrea James  
Missourian Reporter

The audience was mesmerized the moment the multi-purpose lighter set fire to the trash can.

After the fire was set, Northwest freshman Joe Saffold quickly left the room and everyone watched in amazement as the fire grew.

The fire slowly crawled out of the trash can and onto the computer desk that was stacked with empty pizza boxes; it then

see **SMOKE** on 5A

## Declaring 'undecided' more common

More students are entering school without defining an intended major

Lindsay Jacobs  
Chief Reporter

Pressure is not an option anymore when it comes to deciding the future.

This last August, 22 percent of incoming freshmen moved to Northwest without a declared major, according to Beverly Schenkel, dean of enrollment management.

The highest rate of undecided incoming freshmen in the last 10 years was in 1997 with 30 percent.

Schenkel said she thinks there is no pressure put on undecided freshmen to pick a major like there used to be, and it's important to be open minded when it comes to looking in to majors and career options.

"It's not a negative to begin

as a deciding student," Schenkel said.

Sue Frucht, director of freshmen seminar, said there are 71 sections of freshmen seminar, and of those, 16 are undecided sections.

"Northwest does not try to force incoming freshmen to choose a major," Frucht said. "There's no pressure."

Frucht said freshmen seminar groups are broke up by majors and undecided students. During freshmen seminar, students who have declared a major explore that major with their class, and students who have not declared a major learn about different majors to find where their interests lie.

Frucht said students come to college undecided for three reasons, one being they are absolutely unsure, and they don't

know which career their interests can turn in to. Other students don't realize what their interests are. There is also a group that sort of knows what they want to do, but wants to keep their options open.

"One of the goals of freshmen seminar is to serve this group of students, and help them in this decision," Frucht said.

Richard Frucht, department chair of history, humanities, philosophy and politics, has taught a section of undecided freshmen for freshmen seminar for the past several years.

Richard said his seminar class attended Exploring Majors, held on Sept. 26, which allows decided and undecided to visit with all

the departments at Northwest to learn about the majors offered. According to Richard, said none of his students have declared a major, but after exploring majors there are a few who are leaning to a major.

Richard said after working with undecided freshmen seminars for many years he has found that sometimes it takes two to three semesters for students to pick a major.

At the beginning of freshmen seminar, Richard says he teaches the survival skills that are important to every incoming freshman, and after those skills have been taught, students learn about careers, Exploring Majors, career

see **UNDECIDED** on 5A

## Student death unclear

Lindsay Jacobs  
Chief Reporter

On Sunday, Oct. 8, Melinda "Claire" McKinney died in Shenandoah, Iowa.

The cause of death was declared a "non-contagious illness" according to preliminary results from the medical examiner. McKinney was a freshman majoring in vocal music education.

The Counseling Center, Residential Life, the Health Center and Jerry Wilmes, vice president of student affairs, are teaming up to offer counseling to anyone in need. To reach the counseling center, call 562-1220.

Visitation will be held Thursday, Oct. 12, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Hackett-Livingston Funeral Home in Shenandoah. The funeral will be held 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 13, at Shenandoah First Methodist Church.

## Regent's husband recovering

Evan Young  
University Editor

The husband of a member of Northwest's Board of Regents returned home Tuesday after being wounded last week in Iraq.

Jason Brown, Missouri representative and husband of regent Rachelle Brown, arrived at Kansas City International Airport Tuesday evening. He was shot in his left lung by sniper fire on Thursday, Oct. 8, while on patrol in Baghdad.

Despite his injury, Brown, 36, was able to walk off the plane, the *Kansas City Star* reported. Brown told media members at the airport that even though he was tired and still in pain, he was "really happy to be home."

Brown said he was kept in Baghdad until Sunday. Doctors had not decided whether or not to perform surgery to remove the bullet before his flight home—and were surprised his lung had not collapsed.

He said another soldier was shot in the shoulder during the incident, but is doing well.

Brown's family was notified of his return to Missouri Tuesday afternoon. Wife Rachelle told reporters she had kept daily contact with her husband throughout the last several days, but did not know if or when he was returning, or whether

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## MID-TERM ELECTION

Turn to page 6A and 6B for a full election preview and everything you need to get ready to vote.

## PHOTO SUBMISSIONS

Did you dress up for trick-or-treating as a kid?  
Did you carve any awesome-looking pumpkins?

Send us your photos to northwestmissourian@hotmail.com for a chance to be published in an upcoming issue of the Northwest Missourian.

## CAREER DAY

Career Day provides direction for over 400 job-seeking students.

See page 2A for full story.

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## CAMPUS BRIEFS

## Family and Consumer Science department hosts annual 'Cafe'

Northwest's Department of Family and Consumer Science will host its annual fall "Friday Nite Cafe" from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Fridays during October, November and December, on the Administration Building's third floor. Tickets for the dinners are available at the Student Services Center on the first floor of the Administration Building. Cost is \$8.50 for adults and \$5 for children. However, space is limited and the department suggests attendees purchase their tickets early.

The "Cafe" will serve meals Oct. 13 and 27; Nov. 3, 10 and 17; and Dec. 1.

## KXCV radio station hopes to fundraise for programming costs

KXCV, Northwest's public radio station will hold an on-air fundraiser from Saturday, Oct. 14 to Friday, Oct. 20 on 90.5 FM and on its Chilesse reporter station 88.9FM. Proceeds from the fundraiser will help to pay for station programming like "Morning Edition," "Fresh Air," and "Prairie Home Companion." The station's goal this year is to raise \$35,000.

## All Northwest students need to have proof of immunizations

The University Health Center reminds students that they must submit documentation showing they have received the recommended two doses of measles/mumps/rubella (MMR) vaccine by Friday, Oct. 20. All Northwest students are required to have two documented MMR vaccinations within one trimester of enrolling. The University follows the vaccination guidelines provided by the American College Health Association and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

## 'Midnight Madness' is next week to kick-off basketball season

"Midnight Madness," the annual opening celebration of the men and women's basketball season is scheduled for 10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, in Bearcat Arena. Attendees can meet the 2006 teams, win prizes and eat free pizza from Dominos. The event is free and open to all fans. For more information, e-mail Morris White, director of athletic marketing, at mwwhite@nwmissouri.edu.

## Injured construction worker recovers after 8-foot fall

Lawson construction worker Steve Voltmer, who fell at the construction site of the new residence halls last week is out of the hospital and recovering. Voltmer said he injured his ribs in the fall and punctured a lung. It is not known when he will return to work.

## 'BOOTYLICIOUS'



After being hypnotized Monday night, Northwest student Whitney Harris believes she is Beyonce Knowles. Rich Ames and his assistant hypnotized 15 volunteers and held a workshop on self-hypnosis.

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## MOSAIC hopes to educate

Tara Adkins  
Features Editor

Minorities of the Midwest played roles as individual pieces completing the puzzle of MOSAIC this weekend. Through the efforts of the Intercultural and International Center and the Unity Project, MOSAIC, the Midwest Organization for Students Advancing Interculturalism, celebrated diversity while raising cultural awareness.

"It's our vision to break down all stereotypes and see the power of unity," Ame Lambert, director of minority affairs, said.

Participants tackled issues on race, identity and culture in MOSAIC's "Rising Up and Reaching Out" themed event. The University's different ethnic organizations contributed by performing in the intercollegiate competitions.

Sequined saris and scarves swept through the air to the jingle of bangles on their wrists as the Indian Student Association started the weekend with a traditional dance.

The Asian Student Association, Alliance of Black Collegians, Hispanic American Leadership Organization, African Friends Association, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Maryville Dance Studio and the Rhythm of Diversity group also displayed their culture's tradition through song or dance.

"All were great and very difficult to pick the best on my personal ballot and it was a great opportunity to expose students to different cultures they would never have the opportunity to see," said Jackie Elliott, dean of students and competition judge.

Saturday was filled with workshops and lectures allowing students and faculty to challenge cultural stereotypes while promoting activism for diversity.

Workshops included Confronting Lies, Myths and Negative Images of Black Males; Diversity, Culture and Change; For the Latina in You; Activism in Africa and Identity, Disunity



Disha Khanna (left) and Kusha Khanna dance to a mix of Indian music as part of the Indian Student Association dance entry in MOSAIC. Their group entitled "Ansh" won first place in the dance contest.

and the Continental Divide in the Black Community.

"We are all told that America is the melting pot, but by melting into it, we lose a piece of ourselves," said Jeffrey Foot, director of international affairs and workshop speaker. "We must embrace what we are and remember our distinct cultures."

Through his ancestor's native languages, Alonzo Jones addressed contemporary issues on settling the battle of enrollment, retention and graduation rates of minorities as keynote speaker. Jones is the director for multicultural student services at Arizona State University.

Jones developed three elements for creating purpose of multiculturalism;

creating an America where equity exists in all social indexes, knowing your individual culture before tackling the issue of multiculturalism and creating a new America that will be completely multicultural.

"Culture is not how you dress, walk, talk or how you socialize, but culture teaches you how to exist in your world," Jones said.

To honor their heroes and the arts of diversity the University's multicultural organizations gave tribute at the banquet by dancing, singing or performing spoken word. Some heroes included Ellen DeGeneres and Colin Powell.

Trophies were awarded to the Asian Student Association for first place in the poster contest and Hispanic American

Leadership Organization for second place. The Indian Student Organization won first for the dance competition and the African Friends Association won second. For the non-Greek competition Maryville Dance Studio placed first and Rhythm of Diversity placed second. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority won first place for the Greek step competition with Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity placing second.

"I feel that a lot of people have a vision about minorities that it's just a Black and White campus but I wanted to promote the fact through MOSAIC there is more than just minority group and MOSAIC promoted the unity of all minorities for everybody," Mildred Pope, sophomore, said.

## One heart to another: Students help at drive

Whitney Keyes  
Missourian Reporter

She has quite a way to go. Amelia Wilkinson, a Northwest sophomore said her adopted grandmother has given 20 gallons of blood in her lifetime. That's what brought Wilkinson out to the Northwest blood drive on Monday, Oct. 9.

"I think most people should donate, since each bag saves three lives," Wilkinson said. Despite the anxiety and fear that sometimes comes with donating blood, most students who gave said it wasn't that big of a deal. They also strongly recommended that other students give.

Betty Tinker, the recruitment representative for the Community Blood Center agrees with these students. To have an adequate amount of blood in the center, the staff needs to collect 580 units per day. However, to get this many, they need to see almost three times the people.

"We are down to a critical, criti-

cal, critical amount. There's just so much usage, and so little donors," Tinker said.

Due to the low amounts of blood in the center, the staff aims to do two blood drives each day. Monday through Friday, and one on Saturday. Big drives such as the one at Northwest count as two.

The drive this year showed definite signs of improvement from last year, Tinker said. On the first day the CBC staff had already collected 124 units, whereas last year's first day only yielded 99.

"This is just awesome, this is the largest drive we have had in years," Tinker said.

The CBC is constantly thinking of new ways to attract more donors and increase their blood levels at the Center. Just recently, a law was passed that allowed 16-year-olds to donate in Missouri and Kansas with

parental permission. Also, Tinker tries to stress that blood donated in Maryville stays in the Kansas City, Maryville and St. Joseph area and benefits local hospitals. Other ideas for continuing the growth of the Northwest drive include having a competition between Northwest and Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph, or giving students T-shirts after donation.

"Maryville is an awesome donor town and Northwest is a good donor base," Tinker said.

The CBC will be back at Northwest in February, and then again in April to finish off the year.

Sophomore T.C. Lowe plans to continue giving, at least three times a year.

"I mean, I have it, I'm getting more, it's an easy way to save a life and it's the right thing to do."



Northwest student Karie Sherlock finishes donating her unit of blood. On Monday, Northwest students and faculty already donated 124 units of blood.

## Success speaker kicks off Career Day

Sarah Dulinsky  
Missourian Reporter

Looking for a job after college can sometimes prove difficult, but Northwest is taking three days to help with the process.

Andy Masters is the featured speaker this year for the Student Success Initiative series.

Masters will speak at 3 p.m. Monday, in the Student Union Ballroom.

The presentation features music, giveaways and audience participation. The first 50 students who attend will receive a free autographed copy of Masters' book, *Life After College: What to Expect and How to Succeed in Your Career*.

In addition to the presentation, Career Services will host Career Day from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10 at Bearcat Arena.

There are 103 different businesses participating this year. The event gives students an opportunity to meet with potential employers and

graduate schools and to ask questions before actually doing an interview.

"I think Career Day is a great opportunity to find a job," senior Brian Whistell said. "It gives them a great opportunity to succeed."

The third and final event, Interview Day, takes place all day Wednesday, Oct. 11, on the third floor of the J.W. Jones Student Union.

To be eligible for Interview Day, students must first apply for an interview in Career Connections by registering with the Office of Career Services. Students must sign and submit a signature release form, complete the online profile on Career Connections and upload a resume and apply to a specific job prior to the deadline. Students who are accepted for an interview must then pick a time slot that they are available to interview.

Stacey Stokes, career development coordinator, said it is important to keep in mind a few good tips for good interviewing etiquette.

"Make sure you research your company, show up early, be professionally dressed, be prepared and know what you want out of the job," Stokes said. "I think this event is important for students because it gives them an opportunity to gain something whether they land a job or not."

In addition to being presentable, a good resume is something students also need when attending Career Day and Interview Day.

Joan Schneider, director of Career Services, says it's important for students to take their time when writing a resume.

"Be accurate in your skill sets and target your resume for the position you are applying for," Schneider said.

This three day event is geared toward students who are ready to get jobs.

If any students submitted a resume over the weekend make sure to check with Career Services in the first floor of the Administration building or call 563-1250 to make sure they received it because of the campus e-mail problems.

P.A.C.E. is a program that sets aside one character trait every month. The school then emphasizes that trait

## Sewer code to be enforced by Maryville

Dominic Genetti  
Community Editor

If anyone wants to build a new home in Maryville they will have to follow a city ordinance that will be enforced.

Dealing with conflicting problems of sewer infiltration, the city of Maryville is going to start enforcing city ordinance code 710.050, according to City Manager Mike Rietz.

"It's an ordinance that basically says that inspections to our sanitary sewer system, either directly or indirectly, that allow surface water, ground water to enter the sanitary system are not allowed," Rietz said.

Rietz also acknowledged this ordinance had been strictly enforced for a number of years.

"The result of that is that instead of like a lot of communities, where you have sub-pumps and such, they have what's called a foundation drainage drain," Rietz said.

A foundation drainage drain operates with drain water from under the foundation leading into a sanitary service pipe.

The difficulty that Maryville is dealing with now is an overflow of water especially during inclement weather. Rietz said when weather gets wet, the amount of water entering the sewer system will go up in significant places.

Because of the overflow, an overcharge affects the city's sewer system.

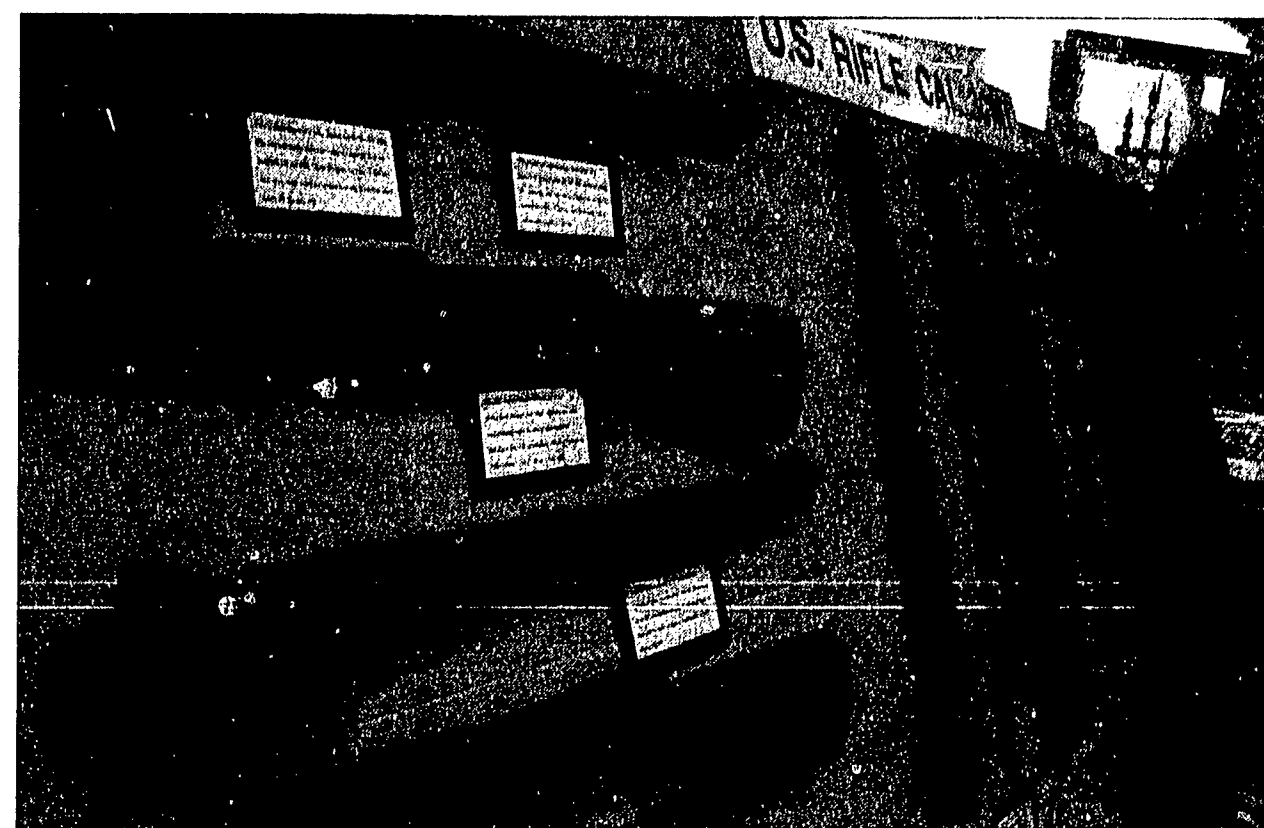
Maryville built lift stations to handle the overflow, according to Rietz. However, sewer backups occur when lift stations are bypassed by overflowing water.

Also due to the overcharge, pumps cannot keep up with the overflowing water.

Rietz said a letter was sent out to builders notifying them of the ordinance, which will come in full enforcement Nov. 1. At that time, the city will send out inspectors to construction sites to oversee developers and their compliance with the ordinance.

Meanwhile, Rietz said that the city has looked at future plans for a possible waste-water treatment plant. He also assured the ordinance's affiliation with current homes and owners.

"We're not going to try to enforce this on houses that are already built," Rietz said



A collection of World War II rifles grace the halls of the Nodaway Historical Society. Cody Toombs collection of M1 rifles began as a high school project.

## Blast from the past

Matthew Elliott  
Missourian Reporter

On the second floor of the Nodaway County Historical Society, a collection of rifles sat in a corner mounted to a backdrop.

Hanging on the wall behind the backdrop was a Nazi flag taken from Germany during World War II that had been signed by the Nodaway County soldiers who recovered it. A World War II era Japanese flag hung next to it as well.

The backdrop was fitting because the rifle collection was strictly M1s, which became the standard issue weapon for U.S. soldiers during World War II.

Northwest student Cody Toombs created a display using his collection of M1s that was put up

in the Nodaway County Historical Society last week.

After hearing about World War II throughout his whole life from his grandfather, Toombs was inspired to begin collecting M1 rifles his sophomore year of high school.

"As long as you don't have a criminal record you can get weapons from the U.S. government," Toombs said. As a member of the Civilian Marksmanship Program he can buy M1s and other military weapons directly from the government.

According to Historical Society Curator Tom Carneal over 300 students from five different area schools were given presentations by Toombs to describe the impact that the rifle has had on not only the U.S. military, but militaries

around the world.

"We have a large military exhibit, but it is just uniforms and not weapons," Carneal said. "Cody has done the research and gives the correct information."

Traveling and special exhibits help to bring more people in to the Historical Society as well as adding to the overall experience of the museum.

"We try to bring two of these traveling exhibits a year to enhance our overall exhibit," Carneal said.

Originally, Toombs had a different approach. "I was going to write a paper on the M1 for my senior project but an instructor suggested this instead," Toombs said.

In fact, next fall the Historical Society is planning to bring a traveling exhibit on county and state fairs to Maryville.

## Hospital education coordinator provides more than information

Kristin Summers  
Chief Reporter

Framed on the wall next to her desk is a blue, orange and green water painting given to her by an 8-year-old cancer survivor.

Teri Harr, the health education coordinator at St. Francis Hospital, has worked at the hospital for 26 years and nowhere else.

Not only is she the health education coordinator and the patient advocate for the hospital, she is also the chairwoman for Relay for Life in Maryville.

Harr has worked in different areas throughout the years at the hospital. Several years ago she worked on a HIV grant, to provide health care in the northwest region of Missouri for people with HIV. After the grant was received, Harr became the health education coordinator.

Married to Pat Harr, the team physician for Northwest and Maryville High School, they have two children ages 19 and 26. Teri is originally from Green County, Iowa.

Each morning, Monday through Friday, Teri welcomes any new patients to the hospital. She gives them a card greeting them with her extension if they need someone to talk to about resolving any health problems.

Monday afternoons and Thursday mornings, Harr visits pregnant patients about their prenatal care. Every



Teri Harr checks the blood pressure of Federal Mogul employee resident Boyd Hawn. Harr visits Federal Mogul each Tuesday to check blood pressures of employees who wish to stop by.

Tuesday afternoon, She drives out to Federal Mogul to check workers blood pressures.

Harr helps with health fairs the hospital provides, which offer blood tests for people in the work force who usually don't have the time to go to the hospital to get regular check-ups.

She also drives back to the school or business and

gives the test results personally and consults with them about healthier lifestyles.

Along with providing health information to anyone who needs it, Harr talks to anyone who claims they are a smoker when they arrive at the hospital to see if they would like to talk about quitting.

She says there is no pressure towards smokers to quit but Harr said she feels strongly about tobacco education and prevention.

Six months ago, Harr has a stress fracture at the head of her femur (upper leg) while training for a marathon. For five months, Harr said she walked with a limp and that she is now able to work out on a bicycle or an elliptical machine.

To keep track of everything she does, Harr said she has a black planner that helps her keep on

top of everything. Billye McCrary, director of organizational effectiveness at St. Francis Hospital, works with Teri and has known her around 30 years.

"Teri is the kind of person who cares about everybody," McCrary said. "She is the most community-minded individual that I have ever met."

## CITY BRIEFS

## Blunt sends \$1.3 million to nearly 570 enforcement agencies

Gov. Matt Blunt announced Oct. 9 that over 570 law enforcement agencies in the state will receive \$1.3 million from the Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission fund.

In order to receive financial assistance from this fund, the political subdivision must collect \$1 in court fees. These fees will be forwarded to the state and credited to the POST Commission fund.

## Candidates' forum open to public

A candidates' forum, hosted by Maryville Citizens for Community Action and the Greater Maryville Chamber of Commerce, will be held at 7 p.m., Tuesday Oct. 24, on the second floor of the Nodaway County Courthouse.

Dan Smith, Northwest assistant professor, will present the ballot amendment language and answer questions. He will also note on the stem cell research and increasing the state minimum wage rate.

## Missourians urged not to keep monkeys as pets by health dept

The Missouri Department on Health and Senior Services released a notice that they discourage keeping primates as pets.

Howard Pae, state public health veterinarian, says that movies portray the way monkeys, apes, bushbabies, etc. really act.

Pae notes they are capable of inflicting damage and diseases to people and it's easy for a 20-pound monkey to overpower a 200-pound man.

Primates can have countless diseases and infections, some in which hide in the body so they're not easy to spot.

## Blood drive held at Eagles Lodge

A blood drive will be held from 2 to 6 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 24, at Eagles Lodge, one mile south of Maryville.

Prior to donations, eat well and drink plenty of fluids. Cholesterol tests will be performed on all blood samples.

For medical eligibility, call 1-800-245-7035. To make an appointment contact Bernard Riley at 660-937-2641 or go online at Esavalifenew.org and use sponsor code eagleslodge.

## Web development classes offered for small businesses

The Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments has been awarded a Rural Business Opportunity Grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to fund 12 Web site development classes for local business owners.

This project is aimed to promote the use of Internet-based technology by local businesses.

These classes will be open to any local business owners in the area free of cost.

Class times will be announced in January 2007.

## Flu pandemic exercise focuses on prevention, awareness

In an effort to prevent influenza pandemic, the Nodaway County Health Department will host a Pandemic Influenza Tabletop Exercise on 9 a.m. to noon, Oct. 18 at the Multipurpose Building at Mozingo Lake Youth Camp. Lunch will be served.

Please R.S.V.P. the Nodaway County Health Department at 562-2755.

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## Character development emphasized

Marcus Meade  
Missourian Reporter

Maryville Middle School Principal Kevin Pitts helped establish the P.A.C.E. program with other teachers and administrators, and now he's helping to see it through.

"It's really something we've always done. We just didn't label it," Kevin Pitts, principal

during teacher advisory time and with the use of guest speakers.

"We kickoff each month with a speaker who speaks towards that word...I've been very happy with the speakers up to this point," Pitts said.

The program began at the start of this school year, and so far, the schools have focused on responsibility and respect.

The current character trait is self-control while the rest include: citizen-

ship, compassion, tolerance, honesty, cooperation, perseverance, patience, confidence and integrity.

While Pitts attempts to establish these traits at the middle school level, Steve Klotz, principal of Eugene Field Elementary School, explained that installing these traits at a younger

age is also important.

This whole series of events began when the Northwest Regional Council of Character, a group comprised of business and industry leaders from the community, asked school to look at their methods for teaching character skills.

"The business and industry world was trying to connect with the schools and come up with some of what we were doing well and what

we needed to work on in schools as far as turning out a product to them for workers," Pitts said.

The goal of business cooperation is to spark discussion inside students' homes and promote these skills outside of school.

Only time will tell if the P.A.C.E. program will improve the students' characters skills, but teachers will continue to teach them with a little help from the community.

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## —OUR VIEW

# Respect, silence go a long way

Northwest student body, we at the *Northwest Missourian* have a suggestion:

Sit down and shut up.

Monday night audience members at the Distinguished Lecture Series featuring Peter Bergen, one of the world's leading international terrorism experts, once again proved their incapability to sit through a lecture.

To be fair, the audience wasn't composed purely of Northwest students, but we did have a good portion of Mary Linn Performing Arts Center filled.

Perhaps you were there only for extra credit. The question is does it matter? How often does a university like Northwest get a chance to listen to one of the world's leading experts on terrorism?

Oh yeah, terrorism really isn't something that will affect our future at all.

We wonder what kind of impression Northwest left on Bergen after only a few questions were asked and a good portion of the audience either scrambled for the doors or began talking so loudly other audience members had to shush them.

If you go to a campus performance or lecture, don't cut and run while someone is performing or talking—at least wait for an applause or intermission. Always remember to turn off or silence your cell phone, no one wants to hear your polyphonic rendition of "Camptown Races" during an important lecture. If you need to leave early sit by an exit or in the balcony.

Finally, if you can't be courteous enough to sit through a lecture or performance then don't go. Save the rest of us the embarrassment of your company and stay home.

## —GOVERNOR'S DESK

# Missouri needs to live within means

Missourians deserve a state government that lives within its means and continually looks for ways to improve efficiency.



Matt Blunt  
Missouri Governor

I am focused on being a faithful steward of your tax dollars while at the same time improving the efficiency of the services Missouri government offers.

I am pleased to report that Missouri's fiscal house is in order and once again we were able to balance the budget and provide needed funding increases for many vital programs.

State government must live within its means and take advantage of opportunities to enhance value and get the most from every tax dollar.

Since I took office we have realized millions in savings by improving processes and eliminating waste.

These savings are just one of the countless ways we are improving the business of state government and using every dollar to its fullest potential.

For example, the Division of Facilities Management,

Design and Construction recently announced that they entered into a new contract agreement with natural gas retailer ONEOK from September to November 2006 that will save taxpayers at least \$767,758.79.

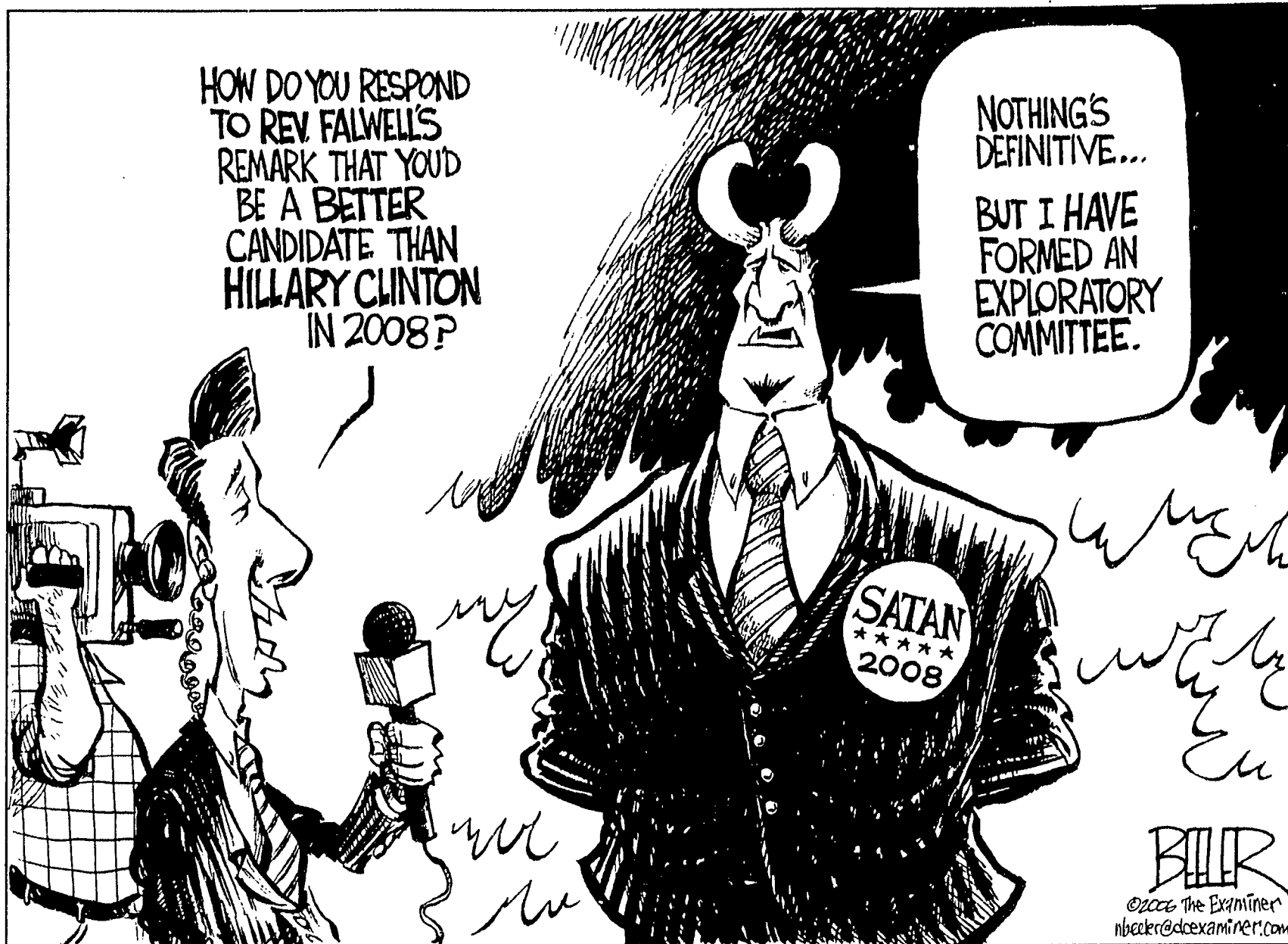
This new contract allows several corrections and mental health facilities throughout the state to join together to enhance their buying power to meet their natural gas requirements.

The Department of Revenue saved the state more than \$36,000 when they began in February sending their non-automated outgoing mail through the University of Missouri rather than a private vendor.

This move saved taxpayers 4.5 cents per piece of mail and has already saved a total of more than \$36,000.

I have directed that department directors continue to look for and identify areas to reduce costs and eliminate government waste.

Missouri taxpayers should know that their government is wisely using their hard earned money.



## —COLUMN

# Political muck leaves editor jaded

What's that familiar scent in the air?

With mid-term elections drawing near it can only be one thing: Bipartisan manure being flung back and forth.

Now, I haven't always been this cynical, but this last week left me a little jaded with a sour taste in my mouth for nearly everything political.

As a reporter I do my best to cover stories as objectively as possible, always searching for both sides of the story. I thought my task this week would prove relatively easy, covering the tobacco initiative, which proposes to raise the "Sin Tax" on cigarettes by 80 cents.

First I did my research and came across a site dedicated to blocking the initiative from passing. Initially



Stephanie Stangl  
Editor in Chief

the man I spoke to made much sense, convincing me the drafters of the amendment were merely putting a smoke screen up, saying the proposal would help Missourians quit smoking. He said in reality only 3 percent of the money would be invested in smoking cessation programs.

For nearly half a day, I was infuriated at supporters of the amendment for toying with the public's emotions and making them think this amendment would benefit Missourians' health when in actuality it would not.

But still, I scavenged on for the other side. Immediately, I contacted "The Committee for a Healthy Future," a group endorsed by such non-profit organizations as the American Lung Association and the American Heart Association.

Later that night, Jim Blaine, spokesperson and volunteer for the American Lung Association, called me back. I answered the phone skeptical, but as open-minded as possible.

Not even five minutes into the conversation, I became infuriated for the second time that day, the lines of reality blurred even more. Blaine revealed the only reason "Missourians Against Tax Abuse" hopes to block the passage of the amendment is because Big Tobacco throws money at them constantly, and in actuality all money is going towards smoking cessation programs or to provide health care for lower income Missourians.

It makes me so sad that searching for the truth has become such a daunting task. At one point that night I sat, fists yanking at my hair, trying to figure out whom I was supposed to believe.

Not a day goes by that I don't overhear a radio advertisement pointing fingers at the other candidates. When so much muck is being thrown around whom are we supposed to trust?

Truth doesn't seem to be an outlandish request.

I don't understand why candidates don't spend more time talking about the positive things they plan to do with their term in office instead of pointing out all the faults in their opponent.

The next day I called up Fourth District Rep. Brad Lager trying to get an unbiased opinion on the issue.

He gave me his take on it, but even he wasn't really sure whom I could trust.

"Brad, I'm just looking for the truth," I said, wrapping up my phone interview.

"Amen," he replied with a chuckle.

Aren't we all?



Kristin Summers  
Chief Reporter

or Claire McCaskill is, you obviously don't pay attention to the signs surrounding you while you drive and you might want to do that for safety measures. If you don't pray I never meet you on the road.

Not only is there an election but there are several issues on the state ballot that could make you smile or cuss if adopted.

For one, Proposition B if adopted would increase minimum wage a whopping \$1.35 more than what it already is. It's at \$5.15 now, in case you have never had the luxury of working for a whopping

\$5.15 an hour—it sucks.

For all you smokers out there, you might have to cough up some more money for your habit if Amendment 3 is passed. The tax for cigarettes would go up 97 cents.

So, if Amendment 3 goes through, be ready to pay up smokers.

A controversial issue on the ballot is stem cell research, Amendment 2. If you don't know anything about stem cells, which I hope you do, maybe you should spend less time on the Internet blowing away time and electricity on video games and look it up on Google.com. Trust me, it's a big deal.

Amendment 2 will allow Missourians to have access to any therapies and cures stem cells provide,

according to MissouriCures.com, and bans human cloning and the sale of any human embryos, even embryos in fertility clinics.

It's sad to think that a lot of people, especially students, have no idea what's going on. Now, I'm not a very political person but it doesn't take a strong political person to realize there is an election coming up.

Maybe people should get on the Internet and actually read the news or better yet pick up a newspaper and they why not even try putting down the remote when a Jim Talent commercial is on and watch it, no matter how painstaking it may be. Knowing a little bit about what's going on will not fry your brain. I promise.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

**Oct. 3**  
Recovered Property, red/black bike, 100 block S. Water

**Oct. 4**  
**Stanley E. Miller**, 53, Kansas City, larceny from a vehicle, 100 block W. Fifth

**Oct. 5**  
**Charles A. Haynes**, 24, Maryville, failure to appear, 400 block N. Buchanan

Recovered property, road signs, 1300 block N. Mulberry

Larceny, banner, 1300 block N. Mulberry

**Oct. 6**  
**Whitney N. Carlson**, 19, Maryville, MIP; **Blake A. Vestal**, 19, Maryville, MIP

**Krista F. Hurd**, 18, Maryville, MIP, 500 block W. Seventh

**Zachary C. McCoppin**, 22, Maryville, false information to an officer

Recovered property, red/black bike, 400 block N. Fillmore

**Sheldon D. Cook**, 20, Maryville, possession of 35 grams or less of marijuana, resisting or interfering with arrest, failure to comply, 100 block W. Second

**Austin C. Holman**, 19, Maryville, possession of 35 grams or less of marijuana, resisting or interfering with arrest, failure to comply, 100 block W. Second

**Oct. 7**  
**Roger L. Abernathy**, 23, Fayetteville, N.C., DWI, failure to display lighted head lamps, 200 block S. Main

**Cody A. Conrad**, 19, Maryville, DWI, MIP, equipment violation, 300 block N. Fillmore

Assault, ongoing investigation, 400 block N. Buchanan

**Kevin C. Black**, 19, Cameron, Mo., MIP, 400 block N. Buchanan

**Mario J. Jordan**, 21, Maryville, driving while suspended, failure to maintain financial responsibility, 3000 block S. 71 Bypass

**Oct. 8**  
**Jana L. Mohs**, 20, Maryville, affray, MIP; **Rebecca D. Wilcox**, 19, Maryville, MIP, possession of altered drivers license, 300 block N. Buchanan

**Cory M. Hernandez**, 18, Maryville, MIP, careless and imprudent driving, 700 block S. Buchanan

Property damage, vehicle damage, 300 block N. Market

**Michael J. Slusher**, 22, Maryville, disorderly conduct, 600 block N. Main

**William L. Rowland**, 23, Maryville, property damage, resisting arrest, 100 block W. Sixth

Property damage, door, 200 block N. Main

Larceny/stealing, golf bag and clubs, Mozingo golf pass, 100 block N. Sunset

Larceny/stealing, lamp head from outside light pole, 600 block S. Buchanan

Assault, ongoing investigation, 800 block N. Walnut

## ACCIDENTS

**Oct. 2**  
**Brian J. Wolfer**, 22, Maryville, collided with **Judy L. Beatty**, 51, Stanberry, Mo., at Edwards and Main. Wolfer was cited for careless and imprudent driving.

**Oct. 3**  
**Ashley M. Kreiger**, 20, Maryville, collided with **James B. Hunter**, 24, Maryville, at Fifth and Main. Kreiger was cited for U-turn resulting in an accident.

**Oct. 7**  
**Johnny L. Rayhel**, 23, Maryville, Grant and Main. Rayhel was cited with careless and imprudent driving.

## OBITUARIES

**Charlene LaLuh Elizabeth** Winell, 95, Maryville, died Friday, Oct. 6, 2006 at the Parkdale Manor Care Center, Maryville. Born July 13, 1911 in Onida, S.D., she was the daughter of

John and Ollie Huff Monticue. She attended and graduated from high school in Pierre, S.D.

Charlene then attended Northwest Missouri Teachers College where she received her teaching degree. She taught in rural schools for four years.

On Sept. 23, 1938 she was united in marriage to Carl Raymond Winell in Ravenwood, Mo. She was a member of the Wilcox United Methodist Church, the Wilcox United Methodist Women and served as an officer on the local and district level.

She was also a member of the Rosanna Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star No. 262, where she served in many offices including Worthy Matron and was a former member of the Ireland and Lone Tree Clubs.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and a brother, Neil Monticue.

She is survived by a daughter, Carolyn Sadler; her husband, Larry, Burlington Junction, Mo.; son, Roger Winell, Heidelberg, Germany; two grandchildren, Jeff Staples, Burlington Junction and Jennifer Hall and husband Pete, Maryville; three great-grandchildren, Amber Porter, Skidmore, Mo., Alicia Porter and Danan Hall, Maryville; two step-grandchildren, eight step great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, Oct. 10, at 1:30 p.m. at Wilcox Cemetery, Burlington Junction.

Memorials may be made to Wilcox Cemetery Fund. Price Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**Sharon Jo Baldwin**, 62, Hopkins, Mo., died Oct. 1, 2006 at University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, Kan.

Born July 13, 1944 in Maryville, she was the daughter of Woodrow and Ruby (Lockhard) Judd.

Following graduation from North Nodaway High School in 1962, Sharon worked at Robbins Lighting in Maryville until 2005.

She married Larry Baldwin April 18, 1964 in Hopkins, where they raised their three children on the family farm.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Kenny Judd.

She is survived by her husband, Larry; a daughter and son-in-law Teri and Mike Pope and their children Lane, Lincoln and Morgan, Pickering, Mo.; a son and daughter-in-law Rick and Sheila Baldwin and their sons, Justin and Joel of Hopkins; and son and daughter-in-law Doug and Shelli Baldwin and their sons, Derek and Kyle of Platte City, Mo. She is also survived by a sister and brother-in-law, Sharon and Paul (Bud) Reedy, Maryville, and sister-in-law, Ann Judd, Maryville.

The funeral was held 2 p.m., Oct. 4 at the First Christian Church, Hopkins. Burial followed at the Hopkins Cemetery.

Memorials may be made in Sharon's name to the American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge, Attn: Nichole Duval, 1120 Pennsylvania Ave., Kansas City, Mo., 64105 and also to the Hopkins Cemetery fund. Price Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**BIRTHANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Jaician Reese Catterson** Preston Catterson and Amber Martin, Maryville, are the parents of Jaician Reese Catterson born Oct. 5, 2006 at St. Francis Hospital, Maryville.

Jaician weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces.

Grandparents are Alan Martin, Winigan, Mo., Karen Lawson, Gillette, Wyo., Donnie Catterson, Maryville, and Suzanne Catterson, Oregon, Mo.

Great-grandparents are Gail and Helen Martin, Winigan, Leland and Nancy Redfield, Yuma, Ariz., Lewis and Donna Catterson, Maitland, Mo., and Herbert and Dorothy Kurtz, Oregon.

**Aiden John Christopher Akas** Jon Akas and Tara Spencer are the parents of Aiden John Christopher Akas born Oct. 4, 2006 at St. Francis Hospital, Maryville.

Aiden weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces.

Grandparents are David Spencer, Bedford, Iowa, Bob and Fran Booth, Bedford, Matt Akas, Bedford, and Alicia Akas, Hebertes, Texas.

Great-grandparents are Clyde and Joann Spencer, Bedford, Frank and Carolyn Hansen, Mason City, Iowa, Ed and Edie Akas, Kansas City, Kan., and Lora Mann, Helotes, Texas.

# Funding needed for renovations

St. Gregory's struggles to raise money

Angela Smith  
Missourian Reporter

St. Gregory's Barbarigo Parish is undergoing many needed repairs and renovations. It is expanding its sanctuary, adding new carpeting, repairing windows and repainting many rooms.

In addition, many unexpected repairs also hit the church, costing more than \$9,000, according to the end of the year financial report. The report also said the church has a \$88,173.71 deficit.

Those numbers left staff members at the parish searching for answers to why funding is so low.

"We're thinking there is a trend in not attending church on a normal basis," Sue Dorrel, St. Gregory's Business Manager, said.

Contributions make up 53 percent of funding for the church, but since attendance is low, the church fell short of the anticipated amount by \$24,386. This is an unexpected problem for staff members.

Dorrel said in the past eight years, contributions normally

rose 4 percent each year.

According to Dorrel, families leave town more and more on the weekends, putting not only a hole in the attendance, but also the contributions. The financial report states that more than 30 percent of the 879 registered families have no record of contributions for the 2005 year. Dorrel said that could be due to more economic issues.

"I think economy-wise people may be struggling, too," Dorrel said. "But this is about stewardship. We're talking about truly giving back to God."

With all of the financial burdens, staff members found few ways to conserve some of the expenses until the church is back on its feet.

It cut back on use of materials and utilities, increased volunteerism and raised tuition at the school. They also increased communication to the parishioners, sending out quarterly reports, hoping families will choose to contribute more funding.

"The talk is there," Dorrel said. "It just depends on what they want to do with it."

To reciprocate for the renovations, the church added two additional mass times at 4 p.m. on Saturdays and 5 p.m. on Sundays. Dorrel said they hope all the renovations will be completed by January or February 2007.

# PACKED: Speaker believes another attack inevitable

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Tanzania within nine minutes of each other Bergen said he realized bin Laden had potential.

"Rarely do enemies tell you that they are going to attack," Bergen said. "Unfortunately they did and we didn't take them seriously enough before 9/11."

During his lecture, Bergen pointed out that members of al-Qaida are not "crazy." He said over half have attended college, some have their Ph.D.'s and usually have studied engineering or medicine.

"It would be comforting to think that the people that are attacking us are just dumb, but unfortunately they are not—they are well-educated," he said.

One of the reasons Bergen believes the United States hasn't been attacked since Sept. 11 is because the American-Muslim population has largely rejected al-Qaida's ideology. Bergen said they are better educated, have higher incomes and are well integrated into American society.

Unfortunately, this is not the case of European Muslims of Middle Eastern descent. Bergen said many are frustrated with their countries because of a slow integration process. The birth rate of natural-born Europeans is also down adding to a higher immigration rate.

"So you ask why should I in Missouri care about what's going on in Europe? I would say that the next round of attacks will probably be someone carrying a European

passport," he said.

While he presents himself as a critic of both the Clinton and Bush Administrations, Bergen said the connection of al-Qaida in Baghdad was non-existent before Sept. 11.

"Al-Qaida had stronger roots in Brooklyn than in Baghdad," Bergen said. "They actually had an office in Brooklyn in the early '90s."

One of Bergen's biggest concerns is fallout after the Iraq war. He said Iraq is breeding ground for foreign fighters and they are fighting the best military in history. Just like bin Laden was a veteran of the Afghan war, Bergen said veterans of the Iraq war will be well connected and experienced.

Bergen said mostly likely al-Qaida will continue to attack western economic targets. Two of his biggest worries are if al-Qaida can successfully bring down a passenger carrier jet with rocket-propelled grenades, which they've already tried, or a possible radiological bomb attack.

"It's not a nuclear device, but it wouldn't kill a lot of people, but it would bring an entire area down for years," Bergen said. "It's a weapon of mass disruption."

Mahlon and Johanne Fairchild, both retired professors, said they were happy to see a high-profile figure speaking at the University.

"It's great to have someone of his stature here in Maryville," Mahlon said. "It was one of the most factual presentations on what the public needs to know. It's too bad that he can't reach everybody."

# SMOKE: Students learn firsthand about dorm safety

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spread to the loft and quickly hit the ceiling.

After four minutes the flames engulfed the dorm room and the air outside began to taste like smoke and fire. As the ashes danced in the air, the fire shattered the windows and the smoke escaped towards the audience.

The Health and Safety Department and Committee sponsored the mock dorm room fire Tuesday to show students how quickly a fire can get out of control.

The sponsors created a drawing that would allow one student to light the dorm room on fire. Safold was honored and excited that he was chosen.

"I have a history of playing with fire, but this is the first time I will get to see something burn all the way through," Safold said.

The simulated dorm room fire took place during National Fire Safety Week. Health and Safety manager Scott Walk hopes that it provided the students with a greater awareness of fire safety.

"You can see all the demonstrations you want, but a live one has the greatest effect," Walk said.

Not only did the simulation leave an impression on the students, but on the teachers as well.

"One of the best ways to get people's attention is to set things on fire," said Northwest professor Jason Offutt.

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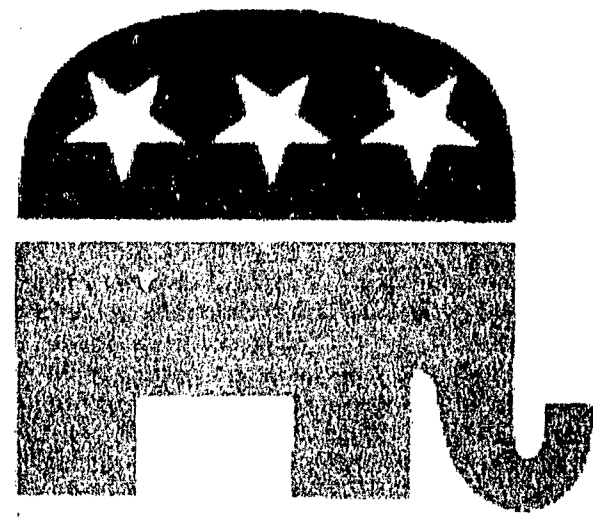
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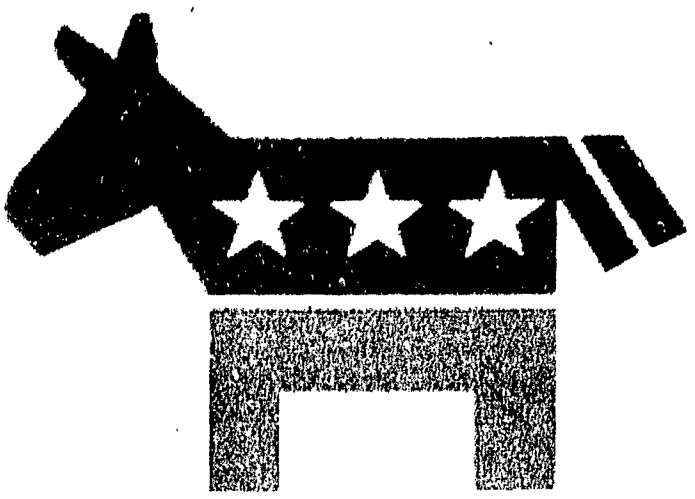
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# 2006



## INCUMBENT SUCCESSES

What the candidates feel they accomplished during their term

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—Congressman Sam Graves

“We've had to implement new federal and state laws and attend training to make certain we follow guidelines including new equipment, new training for elected judges and additional paperwork for continuing information.”

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## WHERE TO VOTE

### Registration qualifications

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### Polling places

- Polling places open at 6 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. on Election Day.

### Absentee Voting

- If you can't vote at your designated polling place than you can pick up an absentee ballot from the Nodaway County Clerk's office.

### Polling places in Maryville

- Basement of Maryville superintendent 1429 S. Munn

- First Christian Church 201 W. Third St.

- Laura Street Baptist Church 120 S. Laura

Maryville is broken up into four different divisions when determining polling places. The residents of the southeast and a portion of the southwest section of Maryville will vote at the Laura Street Baptist Church. The residents that live in the rest of the southwest section will vote in the basement of the Maryville Superintendent. The residents of the northeast and northwest section will vote at First Christian Church.

In Maryville, the "A" precinct represents the southeast section, the "B" precinct represents a portion of the southwest section, the "C" precinct represents the rest of the southwest section, the "D" precinct represents the northeast section, and the "E" precinct represents the northeast section.

(Information provided by County Clerks Office)

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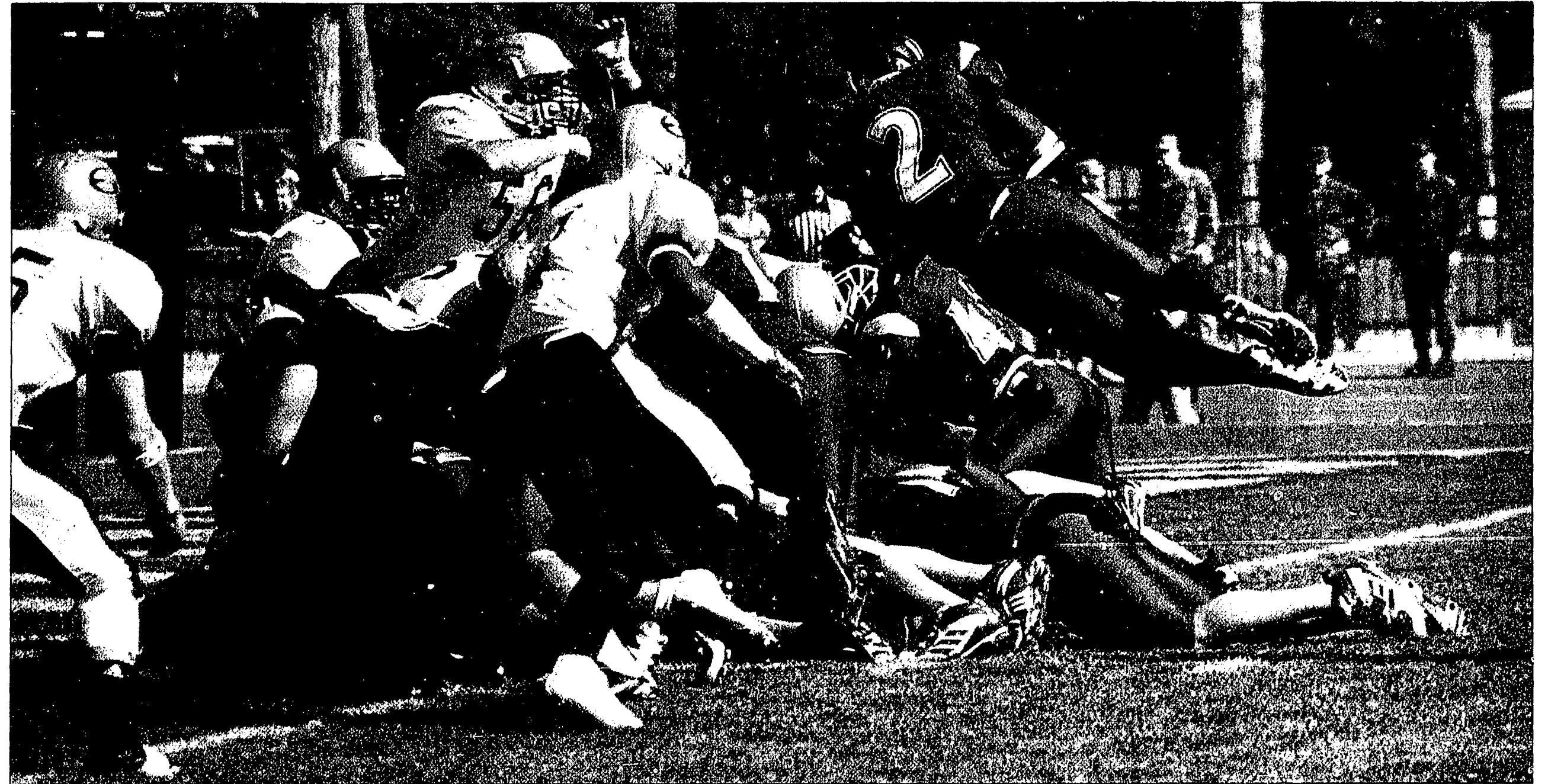


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# 'CATS JUMP INTO LEAD



Northwest running back Xavier Omon leaps over a pile of Bearcats and Hornets during Saturday's game against Emporia State. Omon scored a career-high four rushing touchdowns during the game.

## Injury bug bites 'Cats secondary

Jerome Boettcher  
Sports Editor

The Northwest defense will finally get a chance to prove how deep they really are. In a 60-minute span, three members of the Northwest secondary went down and out. Besides linebacker Ben Harness' knee injury two weeks ago, the starters had been relatively free of injury up until Saturday's game.

Now with three starting members of the secondary possibly out, the question is can the second string players step up? "I guess we'll find out," Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdma said. "We do feel good about our depth...we're going to miss a couple guys

from the secondary about, more than likely, three. It's just one of those things where the backups have to step in and do the job. I have a lot of confidence in them."

Strong safety Chris Termini didn't even last the first drive as he suffered a broken bone in his foot during Saturday's game. Then left cornerback Quentin Womack suffered a foot sprain.

Quite possibly the biggest loss came when free safety Brandon Pratt intercepted a pass in mid-air but on his way down fell on his right hand—breaking it with just five minutes to go in the game.

Tjeerdma he can't remember a game when

see **INJURY** on 2B

### Weekly Southwest Regional Poll

1. Northwest (6-0)
2. Missouri Western (5-1)
3. Chadron State (6-0)
4. West Texas A&M (6-0)
5. Abilene Christian (5-0)
6. Midwestern State (5-1)
7. Pittsburg State (5-1)
8. Fort Lewis (5-2)
9. West New Mexico (4-2)
10. Nebraska-Kearney (3-2)
11. Central Oklahoma (4-2)
12. Washburn (4-2)

**Bold indicates MIAA**  
Note: Polls will continue every Monday until the season ends. The top six teams in each region will advance to the playoffs.

## Rankings released but 'Bods the focus

Jerome Boettcher  
Sports Editor

If things stay the way they are now, Northwest could see Missouri Western in the playoffs for the first time ever.

At least, according to the first Southwest Region polls released Monday.

Northwest sits No. 1 and Missouri Western is right below them at No. 2 in the poll. If both teams stayed at the same spot for the rest of the season and go into the playoffs No. 1 and No. 2, Northwest could host Missouri Western on Dec. 2 in the quarterfinals if both teams advance.

"It'll be a long way from now, wouldn't it?" Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdma said. "We've got to do a lot of things before we can even think about that."

Though it is only the second week in Octo-

ber, the polls eventually determine who will be in the playoffs. For the rest of the season, the polls will be released every Monday and the top six teams in the final poll advance to the playoffs. There are a total of four regions, thus 24 teams advance.

The polls include the top 12 in the region and conference rivals Pittsburg State and Washburn sit seventh and 12th, respectively.

Though it is a long way off, some players admit they've thought about it.

"As soon as we beat them, right after that last buzzer sounded, I said to myself 'We could very well see them again in the playoffs,'" quarterback Josh Mathews said. "If it does happen they'll be very hungry for us. If and when that time comes, I think we'll be up for it."

However, the 'Cats are more concerned

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### —NW SOCCER

## 'Cats hoping to end with winning record

Jerome Boettcher  
Sports Editor

One milestone down, two more to go. The breakthrough season for the Northwest soccer program continues as they compiled the most wins in a single season in school history Saturday.

Picking up their eighth win of the season Saturday with a 3-2 victory against rival Missouri Western at Bearcat Pitch, Northwest set the school record. The program, which is in its eighth year, hadn't won as many as seven games since 2000.

"It's setting expectations and it's getting higher," Northwest coach Tracy Cross said.

"It's getting team results, which is what we're stressing this year—everything team."

Northwest (8-5) sits two wins away from another achievement—finishing with the first winning record in school history. Sitting at eighth in the regional rankings, with less than three weeks of soccer remaining, the playoffs are also on the 'Cats' minds.

"We've got to take results, especially at home," Cross said.

The 'Cats got results at home as they picked up their fifth home win of the season Saturday.

Northwest scored twice in the first half with goals from Kayla Griffin and Shannon Fitzgerald.

Griffin scored early in the 13th minute, on a cross from Fitzgerald. Western's Meigan Soo responded with a goal in the 28th minute to tie the game at 1-1.

However, Fitzgerald found the net with less than two minutes remaining in the first half on a pass from Brittany Cash to give the 'Cats the lead for good.

Griffin added another goal early in the second half and Northwest stayed off a Western comeback to sweep the regular season series (Northwest defeated Western on Wednesday as well with a 1-0 victory).

"Definitely that eighth win was just huge for us and we're starting something," Griffin said. "We're just doing great this year as a team."

It was a big week for us."

Griffin's two goals Saturday earned her the honor of the MIAA Soccer Player of the Week. Griffin now has six goals on the season, a team high. The second goal Saturday was her third game-winner of the season, the most for a Bearcat since 2000.

"It's nice to be recognized but I'm just glad we got the win," Griffin said.

Northwest will play Washburn at 2 p.m. Saturday and will then host Emporia State at 3 p.m. Sunday.

The 'Cats will try to avenge a 1-0 loss to Washburn and hopefully sweep the regular season series against Emporia State and get their 10th win of the season.



Northwest's Jessica Braun, right, and Missouri Western's Michelle Polk battle for the ball during Saturday's game. The Bearcats won 3-2 to make their season record 8-5.



Katie Stillwell, earns a dig against Southwest Baptist Friday at Bearcat Arena. See 3B for more Northwest volleyball.

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### M-CLUB TICKETS AVAILABLE

Northwest Missouri State athletics will hold its annual M-Club Hall of Fame banquet and induction ceremony on Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m. The banquet falls on the evening prior to the Northwest Football Homecoming contest, and will take place in the J. W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

Tickets for the event are \$17, and can be purchased by calling Michele Steinmeyer at (660) 562-1977.

Adam Mattson tries to elude several Platte County tacklers Friday night at Maryville High School. See 4B for full Maryville football article.

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## Northwest at Washburn Statistics

### Scoring

Northwest 31.7  
Washburn 29.2

### Scoring Defense

Northwest 11.5  
Washburn 17.7

### Passing yards per game

Northwest 230.8  
Washburn 231.5

### Pass Defense

Northwest 180.2  
Washburn 218.5

### Rushing Yards Per Game

Northwest 144.3  
Washburn 157.7

### Rushing Defense

Northwest 68.2  
Washburn 115.3

### Sacks-Yards Lost

Northwest 18-118  
Washburn 17-107

### Sacks Allowed-Yards Lost

Northwest 8-31  
Washburn 12-77

### First Downs

Northwest 116  
Washburn 104

### Time of Possession per game

Northwest 30:48  
Washburn 27:49

### Opponents' Time of Possession

Northwest 29:12  
Washburn 32:11

### Passing Leaders

Josh Mathews: 88-142, 1277 yards, 10 TD's, 1 INT Northwest  
Jordan Brill: 79-137, 1348 yards, 11 TD's, 6 INT Washburn

### Rushing Leaders

Xavier Omon: 155 carries, 633 yards, 12 TD's, 4.1 YPC  
Ra'Shawn Mosley: 54 carries, 430 yards, 4 TD's, 8.0 YPC

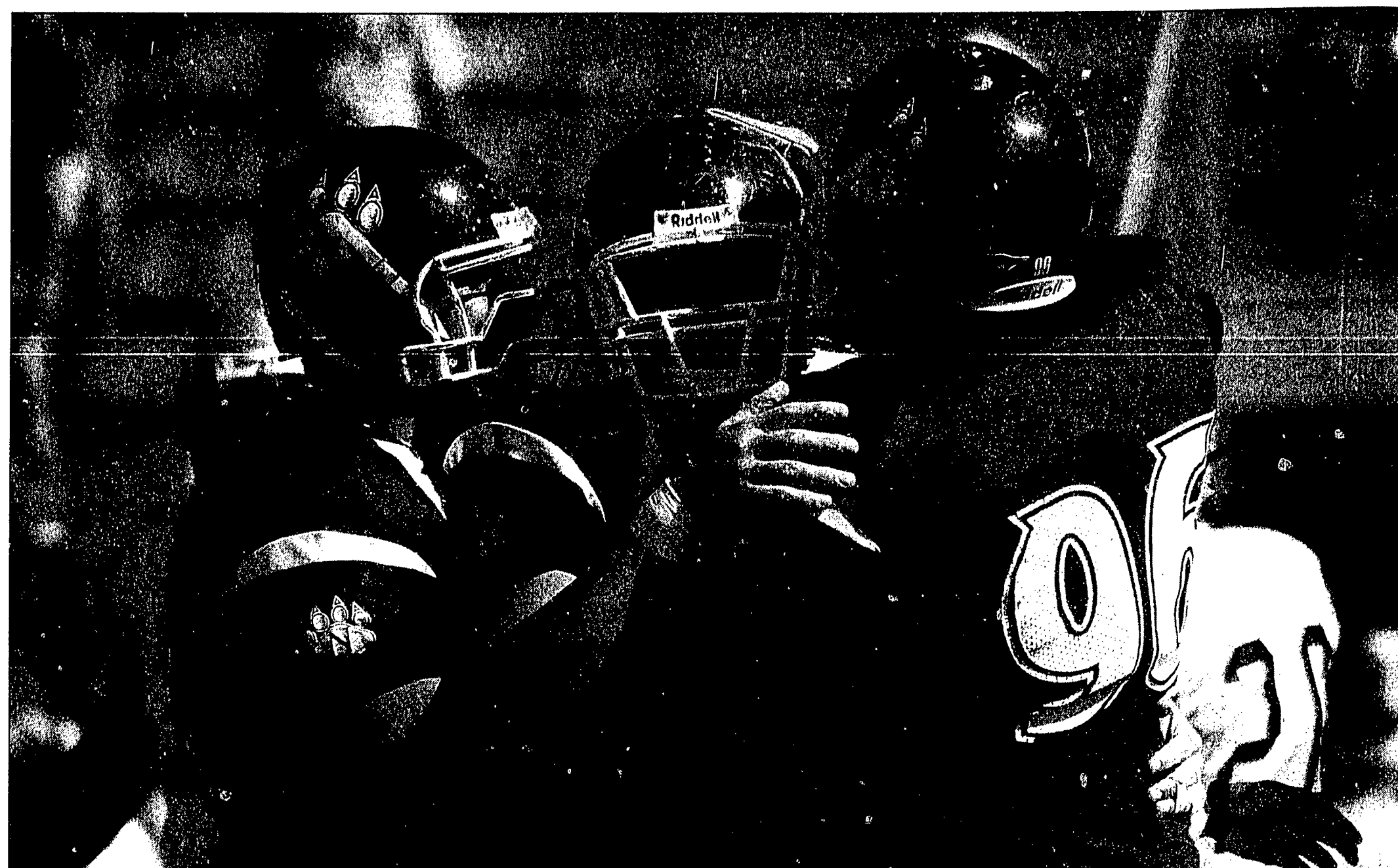
### Receiving Leaders

**Northwest**  
Kendall Wright: 32 catches, 470 yards, 3 TD's, 78.3 YPC  
E.J. Falkner: 21 catches, 271 yards, 1 TD, 45.2 YPC  
Raphael Robinson: 14 catches, 254 yards, 2 TD, 42.3 YPC  
Mike Peterson: 13 catches, 230 yards, 1 TD, 38.3 YPC  
**Washburn**  
Sam Sissom: 27 catches, 524 yards, 3 TD's, 87.3 YPC  
Aaron Gardiner: 14 catches, 286 yards, 2 TD's, 57.2 YPC  
Jake Lebach: 11 catches, 207 yards, 2 TD's, 34.5 YPC  
Ben Ramsey: 7 catches, 92 yards, 3 TD's, 15.3 YPC

### Defensive Leaders

**Northwest**  
Thomas Smith: 38 Tackles, 27 Solo, 1.0 Sacks, 1 Forced Fumble  
Jared Espamer: 32 Tackles, 19 Solo, 1.0 Sacks, 2 INT's, 2 Recovered Fumbles  
Ryan Waters: 24 Tackles, 13 Solo, 4.0 Sacks, Ben Horness: 23 Tackles, 15 Solo, 1.0 Sacks  
**Washburn**  
Zach Watkins: 50 Tackles, 24 Solo, 1.0 Sacks  
Trey Lewis: 35 Tackles, 12 Solo, 2.0 Sacks, 1 Forced Fumble  
Jared Telum: 33 Tackles, 17 Solo, 1 INT  
Aaron Neal: 33 Tackles, 3 sacks, 1 INT  
**Kicking**  
Northwest  
Tommy Frevert: 5/10 FG, 3/5 20-29 yards, 1/2 40-49 yards, 25/25 PAT's  
Washburn  
Conner Sabel: 3/6 FG, 2/4 30-39 yards, 0/1 40-49 yards, 22/22 PAT's

## -NW FOOTBALL



Northwest's Ryan Waters, center, gets congratulations from teammates after a defensive stop Saturday during Northwest's 49-17 against Emporia State.

## INJURY: Secondary shuffled around

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that many players from the same particular defensive or offensive unit were hurt in the same game.

"I don't know if I've ever had anything like that, no," he said. "It could be worse. All of them have the possibilities of getting back and that's what we're hoping for."

Pratt underwent surgery Monday night and will be out two to four weeks, according to Tjeerdsma. Termini will be also be out for two to four weeks. Womack got away with the minimum amount of damage as Tjeerdsma is calling it a "day-to-day" situation. Their replacements at the moment aren't set in stone. Backup safety Tyler Martin will fill Pratt's position and redshirt freshman Myles Burnside will start at strong safety for Saturday's game against Washburn.

"Tyler Martin has been a starter off and on and he's a fifth-year senior and Myles Burnside is a redshirt freshman, but he's been playing really well," Tjeerdsma said. "The corner situation, we got a lot of experience there, so we'll be fine."

Depending on the severity of Womack's injury, Diezels Calbert could step in for Womack. Tjeerdsma said

Calbert might also play a few snaps at safety. Backups senior Darrell Clark and Nebraska junior transfer Chris LeFlore ensure added depth along with sophomore starter Brandon Clayton, who plays on the right side.

The playing time won't be anything new to the second-string and third-string players as they see ample amount of playing time rotating in and out with the starters.

"All the guys that are starting on Saturday for the guys that are hurt, they play 15 to 20 snaps, they come in and do fine," defensive end Ryan Waters said. "Everybody that got hurt's backs-ups, besides Termini's (replacement) are seniors that have game experience."

However, with Washburn's chances at the playoffs narrowing with each remaining game, Northwest players know it will be a big game for the backups.

"It will be huge," quarterback Josh Mathews said. "Especially in a game like this, in a big-time game where for them it's a must-win and for us it's a must-win too if we still have expectations of being conference champs and moving on in the playoffs. I think for them to step up in a game like that will be very big and I think they're up for it, too."

## -OFF THE FIELD

### Northwest running back arrested

#### Staff Reports

Maryville Public Safety officers arrested Northwest running back Sheldon Cook Friday night on three accounts.

Cook, 20, was allegedly arrested Friday for minor in possession of intoxicants. He was also arrested for failure to comply and resisting

and interfering with arrest.

A police report could not be obtained by press time.

Cook is a backup running back out of Gladstone, Mo. He has only played in one game this season.

He played Saturday, the day after he was arrested. Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdsma declined to comment.

For MIAA Standings, upcoming games and past results visit [nwmissourianews.com](http://nwmissourianews.com) for more. Also visit the web site for game recaps following Maryville High School football and Northwest football games.

## RANKINGS: 'Cats ranked 1st in initial polls

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about Saturday's game than about the polls. There couldn't be a bigger game for the Washburn Ichabods. Washburn fell to Pittsburg State 29-14 Saturday and currently stand 4-2 and 3-1 in the conference on the season. If they lose again, their playoff hopes will be in jeopardy.

However, for Northwest (6-0, 4-0 MIAA), if they lose they would fall into a three-way tie for the conference lead with Pittsburg State and Washburn, so a lot is on the line.

"It's a big game, their backs are against the wall so they're going to come out, fighting until the very end," Mathews said. "So we just need to make sure we're ready for that."

The Northwest offense enters the game after their most productive game of the season. Against Emporia State Saturday, the 'Cats scored a season-high 49 points and gained 476 yards.

Mathews said he feels the offense will be ready for an Ichabod defense that is only giving up 17.7 points per game.

"They haven't shown a very big blitz tendency yet this year but I think they're the kind of team that if they have success with it, they will keep doing it," Mathews said. "Obviously if they start blitzing or getting to us, they're going to keep the ponies coming. They're very good upfront...but I think our offensive line is up for the challenge. I think last week was a big step for us. I had good time last week, so I think they're up for it."

On offense, Jordan Brill returns as quarterback for Washburn. His main target will be Sam Sissom, who averages 87.3 yards per game.

On the ground, Washburn will throw two running backs at Northwest. Returners Ra'Shawn Mosley and Trent Hearn have nine touchdowns between them and Mosley averages 107.5 yards per game. Hearn gains an average of 51.7 yards per game.

"It seems like watching film, Mosley is playing more than Hearn but they're both good running backs," defensive end Ryan Waters said. "That's what we pride ourselves on—stopping the run...they got Sam Sissom back at wide receiver and he's an impact player. So, we're going to have our hands full."

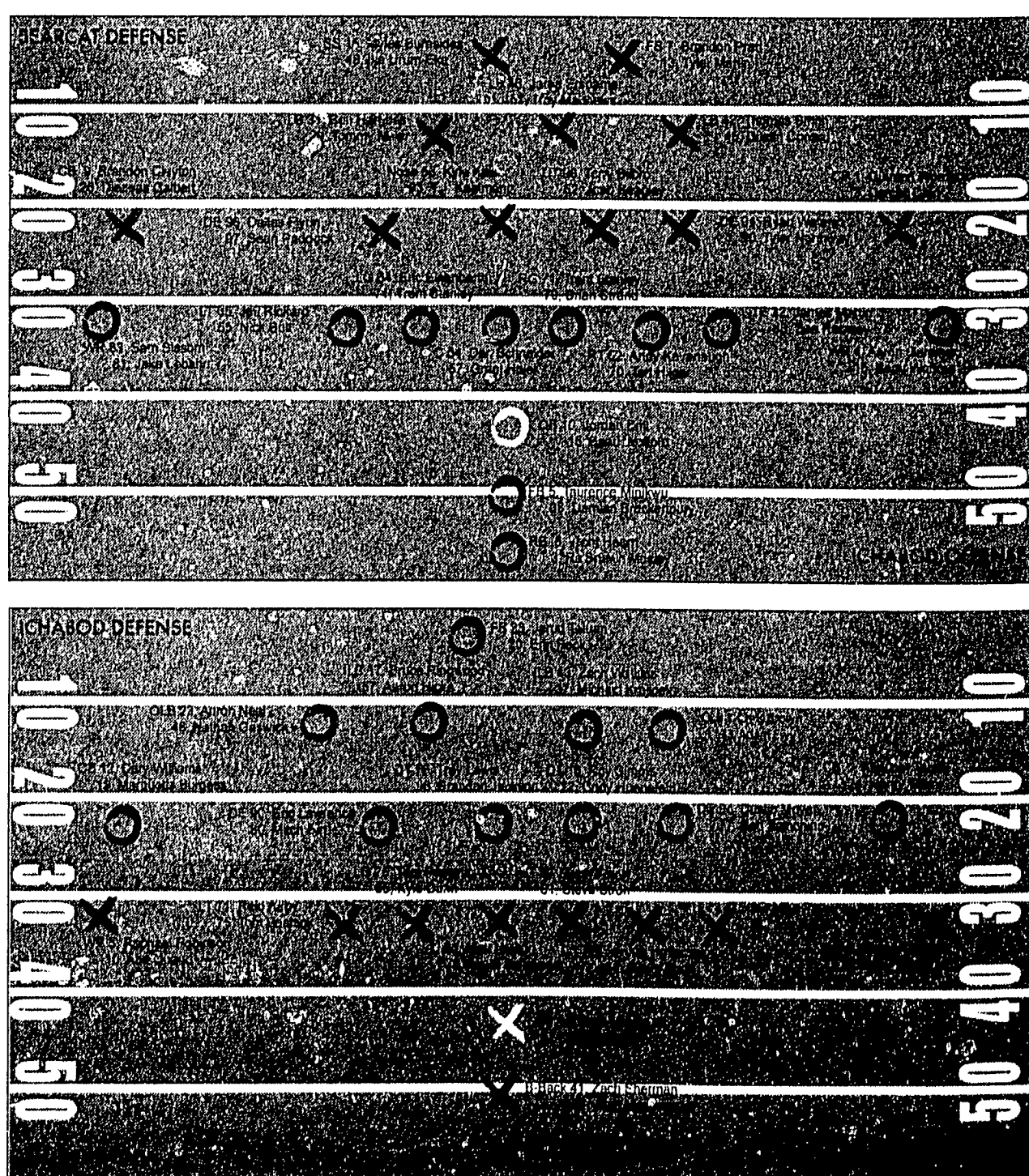
Waters said he didn't care which running back he saw more of but did say Hearn left a bad memory in his mind.

"Hearn kind of has an attitude," Waters said. "Last year after the playoff game, Dave (Tollfson) kind of congratulated him after the game. He kind of had a few curse words for Dave after a legitimate congratulations. He was kind of mad that they had to pack up their pads. But both of them are good running backs, they've both proved themselves."

Currently, Northwest leads the conference in fewest rushing yards allowed with 68.2 yards per game and sits first with a +9 turnover margin. They also have allowed 11.5 points per game.

The game begins at 1 p.m. Saturday at Yager Stadium in Topeka, Kan.

## -TWO-DEEP DEPTH CHART



## -NW VOLLEYBALL

# 'Cat's lose to Gorillas

Call Arnold  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Northwest volleyball team's slow start came back to haunt them again Saturday in its loss to Pittsburg State, dropping them to 3-6 in the MIAA.

The Bearcats forced a game four after winning the third game (30-23), but losses in the first two games (20-30, 25-30) and the fourth (26-30) forced them to lose the match to the Gorillas.

Northwest Coach Anna Tool said the team came out sluggish from the long bus ride, but the Gorillas were a very strong team with a balanced attack.

"We were right there with them but then we'd give up a couple late runs and they'd end up getting to 30 first," Tool said.

Senior Sarah Trowbridge led the 'Cats with 22 kills, and freshman Priscilla Bremer set her career high in kills and attempts with 15 and 45. Setter Molly Hankins tallied 50 assists and MacKenzie Heston led the team in defensive digs with 19.

Coming off of the convincing win against Southwest Baptist Friday night, Tool said the difference in that match and Pittsburg State the following day was the team's mentality and expectation to win on the floor.

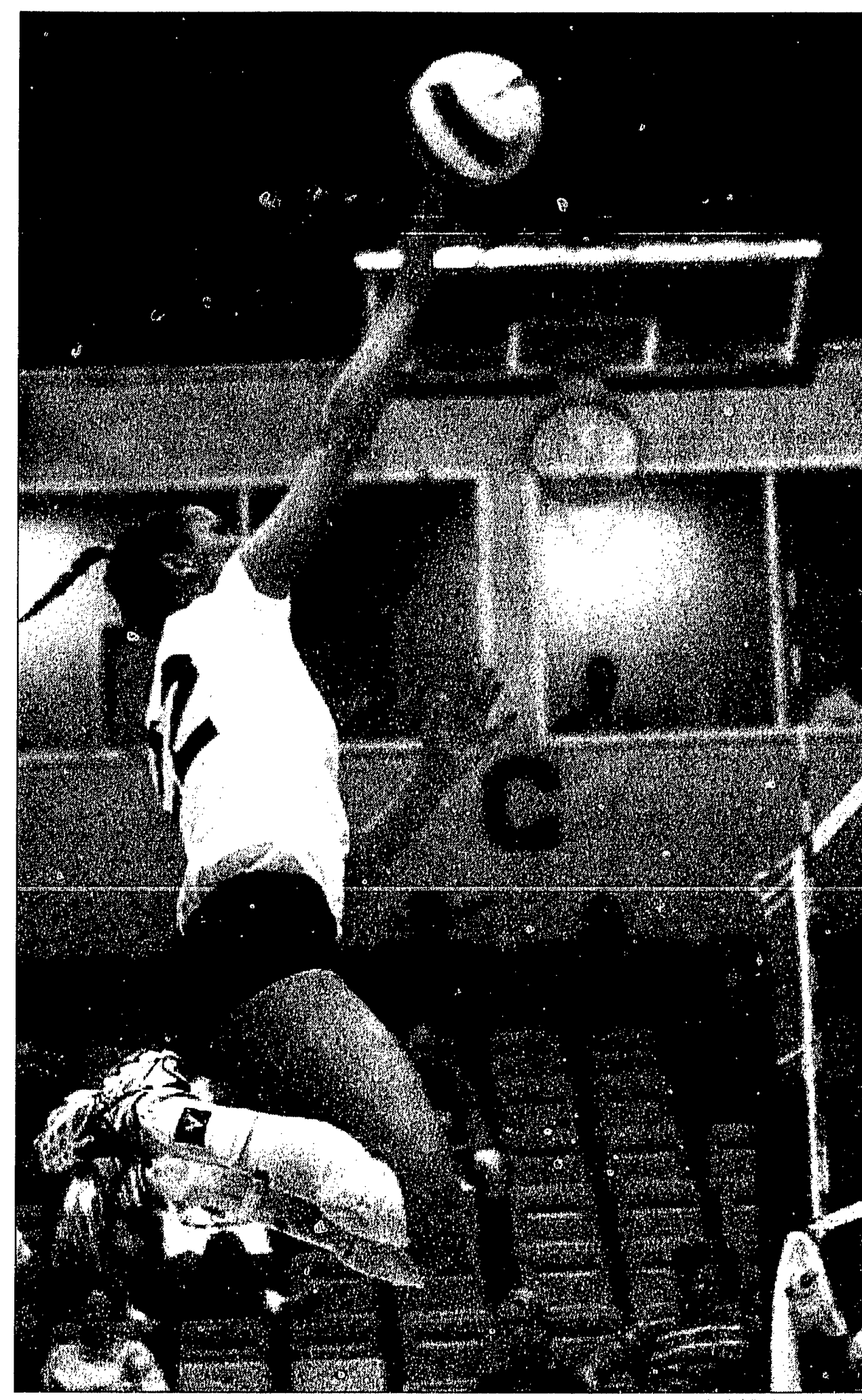
"When we face a team like Pitt State, we need to have the mentality that we have nothing to lose," Tool said. "We're not expecting to win, we need to go out there to give it all and what happens, happens."

The 'Cats travel to the Henderson State Tournament on Friday and Saturday to play four matches, including one against No. 9 North Alabama on Saturday.

Tool said the key for Northwest this weekend is to minimize unforced errors and play consistent in all four matches. With a week off to get ready, practice will consist of doing the specific things that will help the team win.

Action starts at 9:30 a.m., Friday, against Arkansas Tech, followed by a 2:30 p.m. match against Henderson State. They will continue at 1 p.m. Saturday against West Florida, with a 5 p.m. match against No. 9 North Alabama to round out the tournament.

"I'm really excited to see what we have to take with this weekend," Trowbridge said. "It's not conference, there's no pressure on us, it's just to see if we'll actually step up and play. We have the ability to do it, it's just a matter of if we will or not."



Northwest senior MacKenzie Heston tips the ball toward Southwest Baptist's defense during Friday night's game. Northwest won the match 3-0.

## -COLUMN

### Cards surprise fans

Dear St. Louis Cardinals Organization,  
I want to apologize.

Two weeks ago I just about did this team off.

I felt embarrassed to be a Cardinals' fan. We were talking about one of the biggest collapses in sports. A seven-game lead with less than two weeks to play and it almost evaporated, just like that.

What was I supposed to do? Wasn't I supposed to panic? Can you imagine the amount of trash members of Cardinal Nation had to endure over the past two weeks?

Heck, you know it's bad when Kansas City Royals fans are giving you trash. And normally, I don't take it too far as weak of a division the Cardinals are in, I couldn't really argue. We can't even shut down the wretched National League Central? Chicago White Sox fans are going crazy imagining the possibilities if they were only in our division.

If any of the top three teams in the American League Central were in the Central they could easily win 100 games. But the Cardinals struggled to win 83 games.

I put the time, effort and money into it. I went to the new stadium—a stadium I personally think has no character compared to the old Busch Stadium—seven times and saw one win. OK, I know I sound bitter, but I'm a college student, I don't have much money in the first place.

Look, I'm grateful for the Cardinals. I'd rather watch them any day of the week than those dreadful Royals. But this, this was a poor excuse for a regular season, this was unacceptable.

But, boy was I wrong. I mean what was I supposed to do? Do what any Cardinals fan would do, expect the worse. I'll admit it, I'm spoiled. Here we were still sitting in first place after two eight-game losing streaks and one seven-game



Jerome Boettcher  
Sports Editor

losing skid and I was complaining. But for 24 years, we have seen regular season success and then—boom—like clockwork, the playoff let-down.

But this season seems to be the exact opposite, after a regular season disappointment and stumbling into the playoffs, the Redbirds looked nearly complete as a whole against the San Diego Padres.

And now, the Cardinals just four wins away from their second World Series appearance in three years, are sitting pretty and in the NLCS.

I'm sorry.

Who am I to second-guess an organization that has 16 National League Pennants and nine World Series Championships?

Quite possibly, the Cardinals have a better chance at making a run than in years past because the pressure is not on, they're flying under the radar.

Ah, you crafty Cardinals, this was your plan along. Put Cardinal Nation through a roller coaster of emotions during the regular season, then pull it all together, when it matters the most. Where have I seen this before? Oh yeah, cue the 2005 Northwest football team.

But anyways, I'm looking forward to watching the World Series Championship finally come back to The Lou. Don't let me and Cardinals Nation down.

Again,  
Yours in Redbird brotherhood,  
Jerome Boettcher

PS: If we don't get to the World Series, I take this all back.

## -INTRAMURALS

### Flag football begins

Sam Robinson  
Missourian Reporter

With leaves blanketing the ground, cold winds howling and clouds lining the horizon, summer is over.

Football now takes center stage.

While the Bearcat squad gamers most of the spotlight, intramural flag football gives students the opportunity to further their playing careers without the daily grind of strapping on shoulder pads.

Over 70 men's and women's teams are represented this season with each group divided into two divisions: open and fraternity. The men's open division outnumbers the fraternity 36 to 18 because fraternities are limited to three teams each.

While each division is deep and tightly-contested, McDowell believes the open side may have a slight leg up on the fraternity men.

"I'd say initially the fraternities are more competitive because different frats are rivals and the first four games or so are more intense," Graduate Assistant Gady McDowell said. "But come tournament time, the level of play is more competitive in the open league."

Week two of the open division's games got underway Monday with the Chiefs taking on the Mean

Machine. The Chiefs, a team composed of mostly freshmen from Douglas Hall, were led by quarterback Chris Calhoun, a former Skyler County High School standout.

Both teams found passing through the wind difficult throughout the first half. After the scoreless period, the defensive struggle ceased momentarily as the Mean Machine scored and added a two-point conversion to make it 8-0.

After two sideline catches and Calhoun's tricky cadence forced two offside penalties, the Chiefs had one final play from midfield. Unfortunately for Calhoun and the now 0-2 Chiefs, the half-mary pass was picked off in the end zone.

Calhoun feels his team is under-achieving so far and can play with anyone.

"We've been right with them," Calhoun said. "Just a couple of mistakes here and there. Other than that we'd be right there with them."

For the Chiefs and the dozens of other teams, the season continues until November when a champion is crowned. McDowell is excited about how the league gives non-Bearcat athletes a chance to keep playing.

"You can tell a lot of them are former players just wanting to stay involved with football," McDowell said. "Some guys are out there to have fun. Some guys are out there to keep living the dream."

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## -NW TENNIS

# Doubles ready to face nationals

Brett Barger  
Sports Editor

In 21 years, Northwest tennis coach Mark Rosewell has never had a men's team in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) National Tournament, which began in 1986.

Senior Chris Smith and junior Jake Saulsbury will make history Thursday when they travel to Fort Myers, Fla., to compete in the ITA National Small College Tournament—the only national tournament for singles and doubles tennis in Division II.

"I'm excited for it," Saulsbury said. "I think it's just a good opportunity for Chris (Smith) and I to get down there and just have a chance to represent our school."

Smith and Saulsbury led the tournament unseeded and will face Central Region champions Brett Emerson and Zach Dillard of

Midwestern (Texas) State. Saulsbury and Smith defeated fellow teammates, Pablo Acebedo and Daniel Usieto in the North Central regional championship last Saturday at Northwest.

"They're a good team," Rosewell said. "But they're not invincible."

The tournament, which will last until Sunday, features tennis programs from Division II, NAIA and junior colleges. On Friday and Saturday, winners from Thursday's opening round play each other. The overall champion receives a wildcard bid to the ITA National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships, which will be held Nov. 2-5 on the campus of The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

"It's going to be a tough match," Saulsbury said. "But we don't have anything to lose but to go out and have fun and play hard."

## -NW CROSS COUNTY

# Runners prepare for conference

Nate Gonner  
Missourian Reporter

Both the Northwest cross-country teams had reasons to smile after their performance last Friday afternoon at the Coyote Invitational in Vermillion, S.D.

The Bearcats had multiple runners finish in the top 10. On the men's side senior Matt Pohren led the way again finishing second overall in the meet with a time of 26:13. Junior Bichok Deng finished in second for the men's team and seventh overall with a time of 27:12. Senior Drew Wilson finished right behind Deng in eighth place with a time of 27:25.

Northwest men's coach Richard Alsop was happy with the team's performance despite the course conditions.

"It was extremely windy up there and it was a flat, open course so that certainly affected us," Alsop said.

On the women's side their top runner was sophomore Anna O'Brien who finished in fifth place with a time of 19:19. Junior Karah Spader finished right behind O'Brien in sixth place with a time of 19:25. For O'Brien it was the 11th-straight meet

she has finished first for the 'Cats. O'Brien said she was more impressed by her team's performance than her own accomplishment.

"I guess it is a good accomplishment, I don't really think about 'wow I got first for the Bearcat, for the 11th time,'" O'Brien said. "Most importantly the team is improving overall and that means a lot more to me than myself."

Northwest women's coach Scott Lorek also said other runners on the team were performing well.

"Anna isn't the only one running great for our team right now," Lorek said. "Karah Spader has done a great job for us this year and both girls I think will have a great showing at the next couple meets."

Both the men and the women are off next week and will be competing in the MIAA Championships on Oct. 21 in Bolivar, Mo. at 10 a.m.

Last year the men's team finished third while the women finished in fifth place.

O'Brien thinks the women's team can place well at the conference meet.

"I think we should come out and surprise a lot of people," O'Brien said.

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## —MHS FOOTBALL

# Momentum everything for 'Hounds

Brett Barger  
Assistant Sports Editor

There is a sense of déjà vu heading into Maryville's conference finale against Savannah Friday night.

Last season, Maryville, sitting at 1-7, broke a five-game losing streak, soundly defeating Savannah, 33-13 in their season finale.

Maryville (1-5, 1-5 MEC) will once again look to Savannah to break them out of a four-game losing streak when the Spoofhounds travel to Savannah Friday.

"I assume that they're (Savannah) going to be ready to play," Maryville head coach Chris Holt said. "I know Maryville put a good number on the board last year, so they're going to want to beat us."

It will also give the 'Hounds one more game to put it together before district play starts next week.

"We just got to get some momentum," Holt said. "We

haven't won a game in a month and winning is a habit and losing is a habit."

Both teams are coming off dismal offensive performances. Last week, Maryville fell 35-0 to Platte County at the 'Hound Pound. Savannah stumbled, falling to Benton, 28-0 at Savannah.

"We need to force them to throw," Holt said. "We've got to slow their running game down and make them throw the football."

The Savages offense is similar to the 'Hounds. Both feature running backs that account for the majority of the team's offense. Maryville running back Adam Mattson and Savannah running back Dan Curry are ranked one and two in the Midland Empire Conference in rushing. Mattson and Malcom Swinford account for 814 yards and four touchdowns—good for first in the MEC among dual-running backs. Curry and Isaac Collins combine for 656 yards and have scored nine touchdowns.

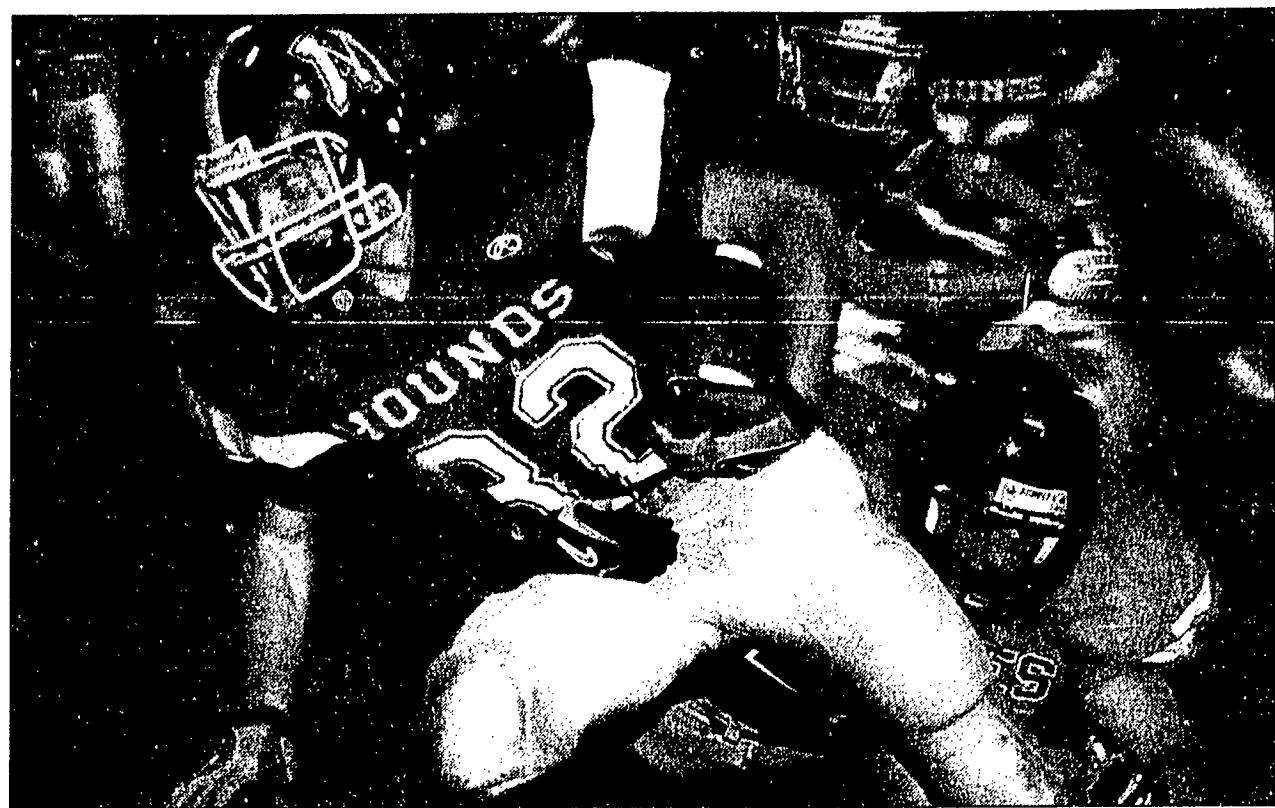
"They're going to line up and play a little smash mouth football," Maryville linebacker Tyler Oglesby said. "Our biggest men up front got to play a lot harder. Our linebackers got to fill gaps a lot harder."

On the defensive side of the football for Savannah, defensive back Ron Baqua leads the team with eight sacks. Collins also leads the team with four interceptions.

"Our lineup (offensive line) do a good job of blocking so we can stop them from getting in our backfield," Maryville running back Malcom Swinford said. "I think we have speed that they (Savannah) don't have."

The game begins at 7 p.m. Friday in Savannah. Oglesby said that a win would not give the team much momentum, considering the best-case scenario for the team is a 2-5 record heading into district play, but that it would go a long way.

"It's huge," Oglesby said. "It's confidence."



Maryville's Adam Mattson carries the ball past Platte City's defense Friday night. The Spoofhounds lost the game 35-0.

## —MHS FOOTBALL

## Pirates crush 'Hounds

Brett Barger  
Assistant Sports Editor

It took a fumble on Maryville's second snap of the game to send the Spoofhounds football team to its fourth-straight loss.

Platte County scored 21 points off three Maryville (1-5, 1-5 MEC) turnovers to cruise to a 35-0 victory Friday night at the 'Hound Pound.

"You are not going to beat anybody with five turnovers," Maryville head coach Chris Holt said. "We're going to give up some points against them (Platte County). But it's not hard when they only got to go 30 yards, 20 yards, whatever else, I lost count."

Platte County (6-0, 3-0 MEC) needed only 26 yards to score on its first possession. Quarterback Jake Crawford capped the six-play drive with a one-yard touchdown run to

go up 7-0. On the possession before, Maryville running back Malcom Swinford fumbled the ball on the second snap of the game.

After Maryville quarterback Andy Walter threw an interception, Crawford completed a 28-yard pass to wide receiver Jon Fosgate, putting the Pirates on the Maryville two-yard line. Running back Jacob Guthrie finished off the short drive with a two-yard touchdown run with 5:51 left in the first quarter, increasing their lead to 14-0.

"It's pretty tough to hold that kind of offense inside our own 30," Maryville linebacker Tyler Oglesby said. "But we can't put it all on the offense. We got a lot of returning starters this year and I expect more out of the defense."

Maryville's third turnover came in the third quarter when Swinford, trying to haul in a catch that was

thrown behind him fumbled, giving Platte County the ball at the Maryville five-yard line. The Pirates made short work of the drive with a five-yard touchdown run by running back Trent Martin to go up 28-0 with 7:45 left in the third quarter.

Maryville did not sustain a drive until late in the second quarter. With Maryville driving in Pirate territory, time expired in the first half, ending the drive.

When the Pirates didn't score from Maryville turnovers, they took a near turnover into a gain. Facing a fourth-and-three, Platte County punter Kyle Knox snatched a high snap and took it 27 yards for the conversion. Martin barreled into the end zone to run the score to 21-0 with 7:58 left in the second quarter.

Tucker Smith added a seven-yard touchdown run in the third to widen the lead to 35-0.

## —MHS SOCCER

## 'Hounds fall 1-0 at Platte County

Jared Verner  
Missourian Reporter

After dominating for much of the match on Monday, the Platte County soccer team used a single goal in the second half to put Maryville away 1-0.

"We controlled 60 percent of the first half and almost 85 percent of the second," Maryville head coach Stuart Collins said. "We played a really great game."

With light rain and low temperatures plaguing the players throughout the match, Platte County's artificial surface kept players from feeling the weather's wrath. Collins said footing wasn't an issue for players.

"They were running really well and covered the game well," Collins said. "It was cold and wet, but I don't think it affected the players too much."

The 'Hounds will be in action

again on Thursday, traveling to St. Pius X for a 4:30 p.m. match. In the previous meeting between the two teams, St. Pius X won 6-3 in the Excelsior Springs Invitational on Sept. 9.

St. Pius X sedates the match after losing to Sedalia Smith-Cotton 3-1 on Monday. The Warriors received votes Sept. 15 in the Missouri State High School Soccer Coaches Association top-10 ranking.

## —MHS VOLLEYBALL

## Team fares well at tourney

Marcus Meade  
Missourian Reporter

A crucial third match and a sleepy first were enough to cost the Maryville High School volleyball team a chance to win the 'Hound's Invite, held Saturday at Maryville High School.

**Game 1**  
The Spoofhounds got off to a quiet start in their first match at 8 a.m. on Saturday morning.

"We're not used to being active at eight o'clock in the morning and they just looked dead. They just weren't excited, and they just didn't wake up," Coach Lori Klaus said.

West Nodaway took advantage of the 'Hounds' slumber by trouncing them in two games 20-22, 14-21. Leah Wilmes attempted to give a spark with her three kills while Jayme Mattson added three blocks.

**Game 2**  
After the wake up call, the 'Hounds got back on track with a convincing win over Trenton in two games, 21-15, 21-17. Jenn Seipel picked up her play with seven assists. Abbie Florio and Jess From added a combined six aces to do their parts in the win.

## Game 3

The 'Hounds hit their stride in game three against Fairfax, and the score reflects that. Maryville again won in two games 25-18 and 25-11.

"We passed really well and we just put it down. We hit really well that game, and everyone played good. Everyone played as a team...that was a great game," Klaus said.

Klaus had especially high praise for her only freshman player, From. "In the Fairfax game, the first game, every time she hit the ball it was a kill," Klaus said.

From added explanation for her stellar play. "By then our team sort of woke up and we started playing really hard," From said.

Seipel aided From's performance with 17 assists; six more than the 11 she totaled in the first two games.

**Game 4**  
The final game of the tournament for the 'Hounds was the most hard fought and most heart wrenching. The 'Hounds inched out the first game 26-24, but Tarkio rallied, winning the second and third games 11-25, 17-25, eventually winning the championship.

ship. "I don't really know what happened. I can't really tell you," Klaus said. "We just decided to roll over and let them beat us."

Team Captain Mattson had a more specific idea of how they lost the last match.

"I think we just lost some of the communication we had at the beginning...it (communication) is very important. If you don't communicate the ball can just drop in front of two people and it could lose the game for you," Mattson said.

Wilmes had 20 digs and five kills while Mattson compiled 12 digs, four kills and two blocks in the losing effort.

On Monday, Maryville fell to Savannah 2-0.

Maryville travels to Chillicothe for a game today at 5 p.m.

## —MHS SOFTBALL

## Season ends at hands of Hornets

Scott Levine  
Missourian Reporter

After a roller coaster game Thursday, Maryville's softball team faced No. 1 seed Chillicothe during Saturday's district semifinal round.

Thursday's magic wore off as the Hornets ended the Spoofhounds' season, 6-1.

Maryville coach Jacqui Conn was pleased with how the 'Hounds finished the season, but they could have had more wins, but we had several one-run games," Conn said. "If we had the same mentality during the whole season as we did towards the end of the season, we would have had a much better record."

Chillicothe defeated Maryville 6-2 in the first meeting, but entering the fifth inning Saturday, it looked like a different story.

The teams were tied 1-1 in the fifth inning, but hits and errors gave Chillicothe the five runs in the final two innings.

"We had two or three key errors, which helped them score some runs," Conn said.

Chillicothe mustered seven hits as the 'Hounds registered three errors. Caitlin Woods took the loss as she recorded six strikeouts and allowed no walks. In order to reach the semifinals, Maryville had to take care of business Thursday over Cameron.

On the brink of elimination, Lindsay Schrock knocked in Jordan Gadsby in the ninth tying the game at three runs apiece.

Maryville eventually escaped with the victory as Kendra Coulter scored the go-ahead score on a passed ball in the 11th inning preserving the 4-3 victory.

"That game was an emotional roller coaster," Conn said. "I didn't know which team I'd get, whether it was the fighting team or the disappointed team."

"During the game we had tears, yelling and a little bit of everything."

The deciding run was supposed to be a squeeze play according to Conn, but Cameron's catcher didn't block the pitch allowing the game-winning run.

Woods garnered the win as she struck the first three batters out en route to eight total strikeouts.

The 'Hounds registered a 9-12 overall record and graduate nine seniors off this year's team.

"It was nice having so many seniors," Conn said. "They knew they were going to be leaders and it worked out pretty well."

"As far as next year, we'll just have to keep preaching fundamentals and a competitive mindset."

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## What's your horoscope?

Today's Birthday (10/12/06).

As you climb the ladder to success this year, there will be confrontations. You'll try to be charming and nice all the time, but occasionally, you'll get angry. Add self control, and you'll gain power.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is a 7 — You can't do everything simultaneously, no matter how good you are. Some of it, maybe, but not all of it. Set priorities and stick to them. First, delegate.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is a 7 — It's no sin to be wealthy, if you don't let it go to your head. Frugality is a virtue, and so is intelligent shopping. Practice both now.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Today is a 9 — Tell the truth about what you want to accomplish while you're here. You'll become best at the subject you really want to practice.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Today is a 7 — You can be obsessive about details when you want to be. That's suggested now, because it looks like something's not right.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is a 7 — Schedule significant private time for early next week. Meanwhile, make sure your team knows exactly what to do.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is a 6 — There's a down-side to being in demand. Business cuts into your private life, but don't despair. There's less of this once you have the routines all worked out.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is an 8 — You try to understand everyone. It's good to make the effort, but don't be too hard on yourself if it isn't possible.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is an 8 — Go into stores intending to only get the best deals. You may be able to get out before you go over your limit.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is a 6 — Toss the ball to your teammates. One of them will be able to score. It doesn't matter who closes the deal, as long as it gets closed.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a 7 — Your routine needs modification to carry a heavier load. Ask for help, but still try to anticipate anything that can go wrong.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is an 8 — It seems like everybody wants a little bit of your time. Be nice to your fans and followers, but don't let yourself get distracted.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is a 9 — You'd like to help your friends get along, and maybe you actually can. If you wait until they request your advice, they're more likely to listen.

## —STROLLER

## Your Man goes to the theatre

I love to be entertained.

I enjoy television, movies, musicals and plays. Even though these outlets of pure enjoyment may seem different, all of them have a common element—the audience. After attending the various productions performed on campus, I have come to realize that certain types of people will always be in attendance.

The easiest to find and probably the most distracting, are those who never cease talking, even after the performance has begun. To others in the vicinity, it seems as if nothing but an endlessly flowing river of verbal defecation rages forth out of these people's mouths. With all my heart, onlookers have my sympathies. But, trust me, being one of the verbal defecation fountains can sometimes be a very pleasing experience.

I find the next most common watcher to be the "bag lady." Whether it's the content of the play, the aforementioned talkers, or nothing at all, the bag lady will find something that causes her displeasure.

Once the bag lady finds a reason, nonsensical source of displeasure, she will pick up her bag and set it promptly on her lap, as if it were a shield against all that she dislikes. This is followed by disdainful coughing, hacking, spitting, sighing and stirring in her seat. At what point in time she will stop this protest is one of the greatest mysteries of our time.



The Stroller

Another group of people that are affronted by the theatre experience can be recognized as those who attend merely because they are required. What interest they lack in the performance is made up for in their skill of facial expression. Frowns are child's play compared to these masters. I did not know someone could look bored and disinterested in more ways than there are possible to eat an OreO. The only real detriment that seems to affect these people is the crime of leaving early. Although their performance nearly grants them immunity...I think.

The last and rarest of the troublesome watchers are those who see themselves as critics. I understand that everyone is entitled to their own opinion; however, these "critics" seem to believe it's everyone else's right to hear their review. If they sense even the slightest remarks about the performance, a debate will immediately ensue. My advice: turn and run away and never look back.

I wonder sometimes how much more enjoyable my entertainment outings would be if all of these people did not have a part. Then again, perhaps the experience wouldn't be an "experience" without them.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of *The Northwest Missourian*.

## —REVIEW

## Never stop for gas in small Texas towns

Jesse Murphy  
Missourian Reporter

Pools of blood and random body parts do well to make the theater floor stickier than ever.

I'm just joking, obviously. But the new installment of the "Texas Chainsaw Massacre" movies did not lack the amount of gore we've all come to expect.

As the title suggests, this movie takes place before the original (and the remake), starting in August 1939 when a large lady dies giving birth to a deformed baby while working in a meat packing plant. The owners, not wanting anything to do with the kid, throw it in a dumpster. Another woman, rummaging through the trash behind the plant discovers the baby and takes it home.

Jump ahead to July of 1969, the baby, now grown, is working in the same packing plant. It becomes fairly obvious that this deformed child grew up to become our old buddy Leatherface, a.k.a. Thomas Hewitt. If you saw the original or the remake, you already know that without talking at all, he's one of the least friendly guys around.

The town has all but died, and the packing plant becomes no help them out. Some may remember Ermy as the overly-nice drill sergeant from "Full Metal Jacket," and he did just as good of a job in this movie.

The film is full of brutal torture, killing and cannibalism and is definitely not meant for the squeamish. I went to see it on a double-date,

exception, the boy is fired and plant closes. R. Lee Ermy, who played Leatherface's uncle, has a sadistic plan to keep his family in their home despite having no jobs, no money and no one left in town.

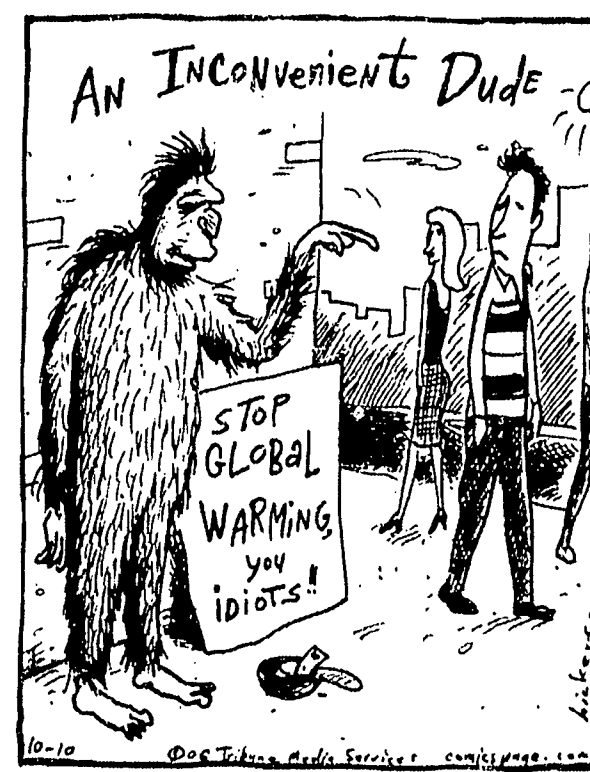
My friend thought the same thing as we noticed that neither girl could leave their eyes on the screen. I was later informed that my date watched the movie by the reactions on my face, which basically consisted of my jaw hanging to the floor in disbelief.

I was surprised by the lack of typical horror movie mistakes made by the characters. It actually almost seemed like they wanted to make it out alive. Though there were a few classic mistakes, I didn't spend the whole movie screaming "Don't go in there!"

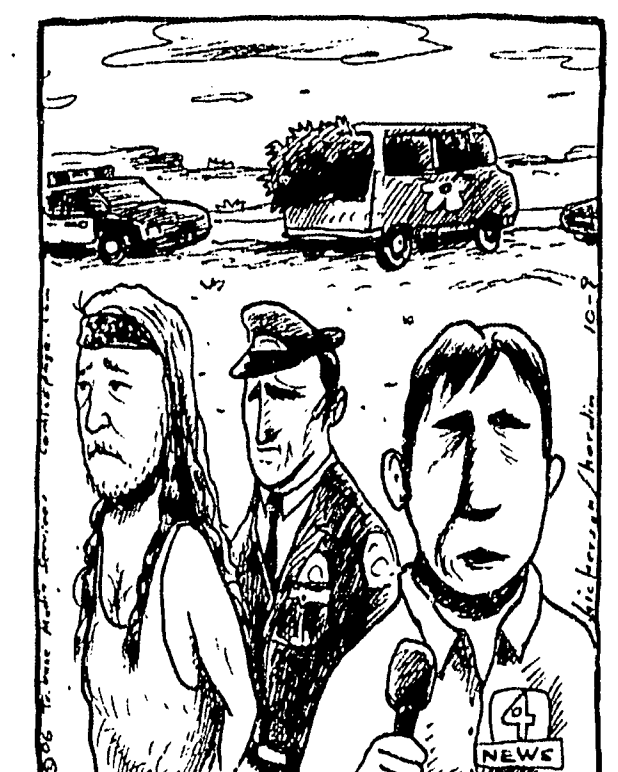
For those of you who didn't know, the movies are based on a true story. Police later discovered remains of 33 people, though they suspect more were actually killed. The spree lasted from 1969 to 1973.

I feel this movie will become a cult-classic, along with greats like the "Nightmare on Elm Street" and "Halloween" series. I definitely recommend seeing it in the theater, it makes the experience so much better. Just don't bring the kiddies.

## —CARTOONS



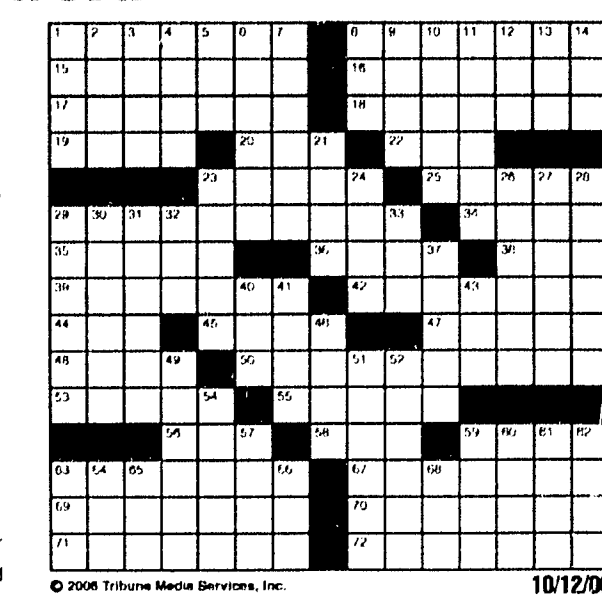
"You KNOW it's serious if Sasquatch makes an appearance! It's getting too hot up north for a mythical furry dude, OK?"



"I need my greens," Willie Nelson said, as police arrested him today for a van full of spinach."

## Crossword

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23 Minty drink  
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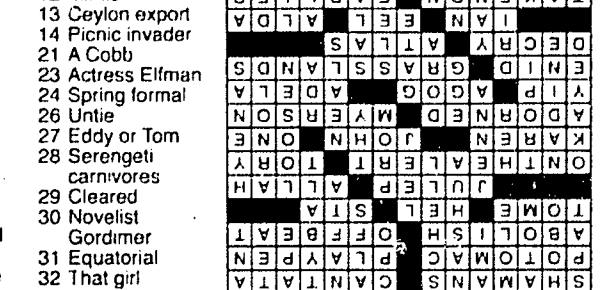


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# VOTE MISSOURI MID-TERM ELECTIONS TUESDAY NOV. 7 2006

## All eyes on Missouri

Matthew Elliott  
Missourian Reporter

All eyes are on Missouri as the Mid-term elections near. Missouri has been the most reliable swing state over the last 100 years, voting for the next President every election since 1904 except in 1956.

A swing state is a state in which no candidate has overwhelming support in an election. Political Scientists usually decide swing states according to historical voting patterns and opinion polls. Another factor in determining a swing state is the state or county of origin for any candidate running in an election.

Both major parties spend a lot of time trying to win the swing states. Any elected position is very important to the success of the party in the government. For example, if a swing state elects a Republican Governor, that state is likely to elect a Republican for President.

Parties also want as many people in the Senate or House of Representatives as they possibly can. That way if a President of the same party is

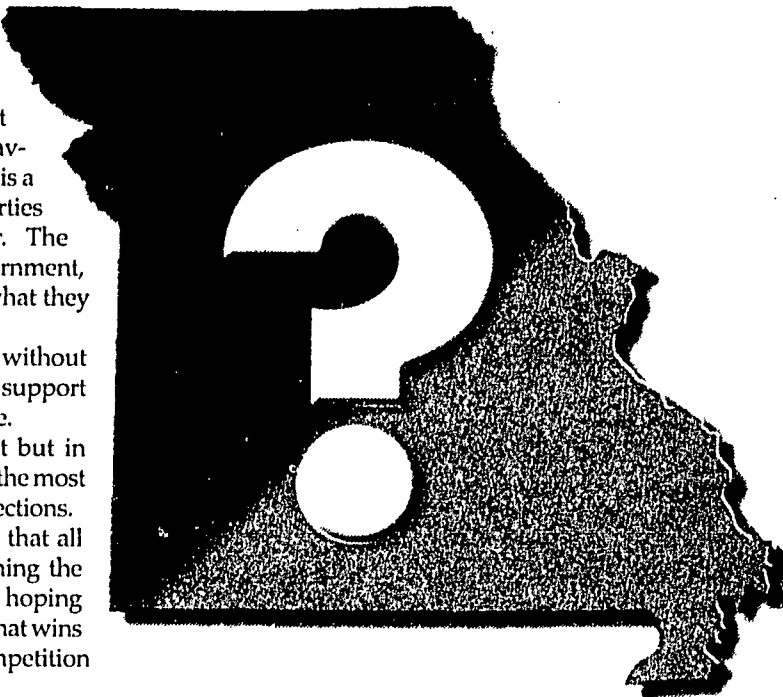
elected he will have support, or if a President of a different party is elected he will not have support to get what he wants done.

Swing states are very important to the power of a political party. Having a candidate win in a swing state is a huge boost of confidence for all parties and is big in getting more power. The more power a party has in the government, the better their chances of getting what they want are.

Party views differ so much that without having a large number of people to support something is not going to get it done.

All swing states are important but in Missouri's history, it has been one of the most important especially in the major elections.

Missouri is a major swing state that all parties want. Parties will be watching the U.S. Senate race in November and hoping that their candidate wins. The party that wins will have a definite leg up on the competition when 2008 rolls around.



## BALLOT ISSUES

Dominic Genetti  
Community Editor

### Constitutional Amendment No. 6:

This is a proposed tax exemption on real and personal property tax that is used or held for non-profit purposes or activities of veterans' organizations.

It is estimated that the proposal will have a minimal cost to state government. Costs to the local government range from zero to \$45,000.

### Constitutional Amendment No. 7:

A proposal to the Missouri Constitution that will amend the requirement that legislators, statewide elected officials and judges lose state pensions upon committing a felony conviction, removal from office after impeachment or misconduct in office.

The proposal will include a requirement that compensation for such persons be set by citizens' commission subject to voter referendum.

It is estimated that this proposal will have no costs to state or local governments.

### Constitutional Proposal No. 1:

It is proposed that a reauthorization for 10 years; one-tenth percent of sales/use tax for soil and water conservation within state parks and historic sites.

The proposed amendment continues into 2016, but does not increase.

Existing sales and use of one-tenth of one percent is set to be determined in 2008.

The tax would generate \$82 million annually for soil and water conservation of the state park system.

## Stem cell debate controversial

Evan Young, Jessica Schmidt  
University Editor, Managing Editor

One side sees it as the destruction of human life and the creation of human cloning, while the other side sees potential cures for such diseases as Parkinson's and Alzheimer's.

This November, Missourians will go to the polls to cast their votes for or against Amendment 2, which, if passed, would prevent lawmakers from banning all forms of stem cell research.

Under Amendment 2, Missouri patients would be allowed access to "any therapies and cures," while state researchers would continue conducting "any research, permitted under federal law."

The only form of research the amendment would prohibit is that which involves "human cloning or attempted human cloning."

Stem cell research can be broken down into two areas. One type, adult stem cell research, involves the removal of stem cells from umbilical cord blood, bone marrow and placenta.

The other form, embryonic stem cell research, involves the duplication and destruction of human embryos, the extraction of stem cells from these embryos and somatic

cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). This final step removes the nucleus from an unfertilized human egg cell and replaces it with an embryonic stem cell.

It is at this second type of stem cell research where those opposed to Amendment 2, including the group "Missourians Against Human Cloning," draw the line.

According to MAHC, embryonic stem cell research violates the "sanctity of life" by destroying human embryos, can lead to health problems for women and will open the door to human cloning in the future.

The group's Web site, NoCloning.com, states even though the amendment includes provisions to ban human cloning and enforces criminal and civil penalties on those who violate those provisions, the process of SCNT, which would be allowed, is considered "therapeutic cloning" by the medical world.

In addition, MAHC notes embryonic stem cell research requires a high number of unfertilized eggs. The group believes women who submit to ovarian stimulation risk acquiring severe health problems, including stroke, infertility, organ failure and possibly death.

Finally, in the long run, MAHC believes embryonic stem cell research offers no sig-

nificant benefits, with regards to breakthrough cures, treatments and therapies. According to NoCloning.com, researchers have had more success with adult stem cell research, discovering treatments for over 65 illnesses.

Missouri Senator Jim Talent is among some state politicians who oppose the amendment. Talent told the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* the initiative "creates a constitutional right to clone at the early stages of human life."

On the other side of the issue stand groups like the Missouri Coalition for Lifesaving Cures. This group promotes the research, saying it protects future medical cures, bans human cloning and will only generate new state revenues.

Sara Jo Shettles, Democratic candidate for U.S. Representative, said she supports the Missouri Initiative because of its proposed cloning ban.

"Stem cell research goes way beyond the incredible cures it provides. So many people benefit not to support this," Shettles said. "It's an area of life sciences I'd like to see in Missouri and in the world for that matter."

Shettles is one of many 2006 candidates that come out in support of the Missouri Initiative.

The Coalition defends Amendment 2 under the grounds that it does not involve abortion, strictly bans human cloning, protects Missourians' access to federally-approved stem cell cures and bans the sale of human eggs or embryos.

Jim Neely, Democratic candidate for State Senate in Missouri's 12th District, said the purpose of the amendment is to offer hope to patients living with incurable diseases and injuries.

"It's important that people always have hope for cures and medical breakthroughs in the future," Neely said. "We need the option to develop our research capabilities."

Neely practices medicine in Cameron, Mo. His specialties in Geriatrics, which focuses on the treatment and prevention of diseases later in life. Neely said there are a large number of embryos in clinics across the country that go unused and are eventually destroyed.

"We might as well use them," he said.

The Amendment 2 initiative petition was filed on Oct. 11, 2005. In May, the Coalition submitted the petition to the Secretary of State, announcing nearly 300,000 Missourians had signed their petition, nearly twice the amount needed for the measure to go on the ballot.

Do you feel the incumbents accomplished enough in office?



Spencer Miller  
Barnard, Mo.

"No, because I don't believe they have acted in the best interest in the Northwest Missouri. And representative Graves supported the war in Iraq and I think that's a mistake."



Robert Fannon  
Conception Junction, Mo.

"I suppose they are doing as good as they can under the circumstances."



Susan Sutton  
Maryville, Mo.

"Yes they are adequate because I do see progress in the community."



Marvin Myers  
Maryville, Mo.

"I think that they are. I think Brad Lager is doing a good job of keeping in contact with the local people."



Rebecca Bradham  
Maryville, Mo.

"Well I think they need to put more God back into our government. Our government was founded on religion, we came over here for freedom of religion."

## Minimum wage possibly on rise

Kristin Summers, Lindsay Jacobs  
Chief Reporters

As of January 2007, 256,000 Missourians living on minimum wage could see more Andrew Jacksons in their wallet each week.

Proposition B, a proposal to increase minimum wage increase proposal, will be on the Nov. 7 ballot. If the proposition is approved, minimum wage in Missouri will increase from \$5.15 to \$6.50 an hour.

According to the Sara Howard, the communications director of "Give Missourians a Raise Coalition", if the proposition is approved, minimum wage could increase even more in the future depending the on cost of living.

Over 210,000 signatures were collected to get Proposition B on the ballot. The last time minimum wage saw an increase was 10

years ago, in 1996, when Congress voted to increase minimum wage from \$4.25 to \$5.15 throughout the United States, according to the Coalition.

"People understand no one can survive on \$5.15 an hour," Howard said.

According to the Economic Policy Institute, the current minimum wage is at the lowest value it has been in 50 years considering the cost of living.

In November, six other states will be voting on minimum wage increasing as well. So far, 23 states and the District of Columbia's minimum wage are higher than the federal rate of \$5.15, according to an article in *USA TODAY*.

Brad Lager, Missouri's fourth state district representative, opposes Proposition B because he feels it will force a cost increase on businesses. Lager opposes any mandatory

regulations placed on businesses.

Shuwen Ye, owner of The Mandarin Restaurant in Maryville, said if minimum wage does increase prices will raise at her restaurant. However, she concedes minimum wage needs to be increased because of the current rate of inflation.

Adrianne Marsh, the communications director for Claire McCaskill, said McCaskill supports the increase because she feels minimum wage families shouldn't have to have two or three jobs to support themselves.

Jim Goecker, owner of Maryville's Student Body, said he starts his employees over the minimum wage and favors Proposition B.

Goecker said though he won't be affected the proposition he could see it affecting larger businesses with more employees. He also said that if minimum wage were to increase that he could see himself later on increasing his

employees' salaries.

If Proposition B is passed, it will not only affect local businesses throughout Missouri but Universities as well.

At Northwest, Finance, Payroll, Accounting, Human Resources, Computing Services, Financial Assistance and Cashiering departments met early last week to brainstorm ideas about preparing the University if Proposition B passes.

Paula McLain, student employment coordinator, said she is doing research on Proposition B as well as the other departments and that they will meet back up later on in the semester to discuss options if Proposition B passes. She also said a minimum wage increase will be positive for students.

"We've got to be quick on our toes to figure everything out and be ready to go if it does pass," McLain said.

## Initiative to fuel smoking cessation programs, health care

Stephanie Stangl  
Editor in Chief

Whether or not a tobacco tax amendment ought to be added to the Missouri Constitution is evolving into one of the most controversial initiatives on the November mid-term election ballot.

Amendment 3 moves to increase the tax on all cigarette-related products by four cents per cigarette, or 97 cents per pack, and 20 percent on remaining tobacco products, generating millions to curb smoking and to help lower income Missourians receive medical care.

On one side of the debate sits advocates such as the Committee for a Healthy Future, composed of physicians and health care organizations endorsed by such non-profit organizations such as the American Cancer Society and the American Lung Association. This organization backs the amendment stating that \$61 million will be pumped into funding smoking cessation programs and nearly \$300 million into funding medical programs for

those under 200 percent of the poverty level.

On the other side of the fence sits groups such as "Missourians Against Tax Abuse" who claim less than 3 percent of the proposed tax will actually be vested in smoking cessation programs, Campaign Consultant for the Coalition Patrick Cacchione said.

"A tobacco tax doesn't belong in the Constitution," Cacchione said. "This tax won't raise enough money to do what is intended. It's just a huge unfunded mandate."

He also believes the tax is unfair because it is what he considers a "regressive" tax and places the burden of the extra money on low-income individuals.

"This taxes poor people," Cacchione said. "This shouldn't be on the backs of a minority group."

Furthermore, Cacchione also contends the tax will be ineffective because Missourians will just travel to other states to purchase their tobacco products. Yet, this amendment would bring Missouri up to the current amount most states implement, so many advocates specu-

late traveling wouldn't do Missourians much good. He also points to a settlement Missouri received a few years ago from tobacco companies that was only used marginally to help Missourians kick the habit.

"Don't tax Missourians when you can get the money from the settlement," Cacchione said. "There's a better way to do what we want to do."

However, Cacchione said his coalition didn't have any solutions to the problem, only wanted to make sure Amendment 3 is defeated.

Jim Blaine, spokesperson for the Committee for a Healthy Future and American Lung Association volunteer, hopes the amendment is passed stating that in actuality 12.5 percent of the money will foster smoking cessation programs. The amendment also mandates that an annual audit ensures the money is being spent where it is supposed to and not to fund other unrelated government programs.

"Every dime is going to be pumped into smoking cessation and health care access for

the poor," Blaine said.

Additionally, the Committee helped draft the amendment and contends "Missourians Against Tax Abuse" received millions from tobacco companies and their interest lies with Big Tobacco's profits.

"They are a formidable foe," Blaine said. "They are evil and only in it for their profit, they will almost turn it around in the taxpayers mind and make everyone believe they're right."

Being a physician, Blaine knows the agony of seeing patients on almost a daily basis with smoking-related conditions. Nearly 25 percent of Missourians smoke, yet Missouri currently has the second lowest cigarette tax in the nation. According to the Committee for a Healthy Future, one in five deaths in Missouri can be attributed to smoking and smoking-related health care cost Missouri taxpayers \$2 billion in 2002.

"This is a product that kills 435,000 people every year; it just breaks your heart," Blaine said.

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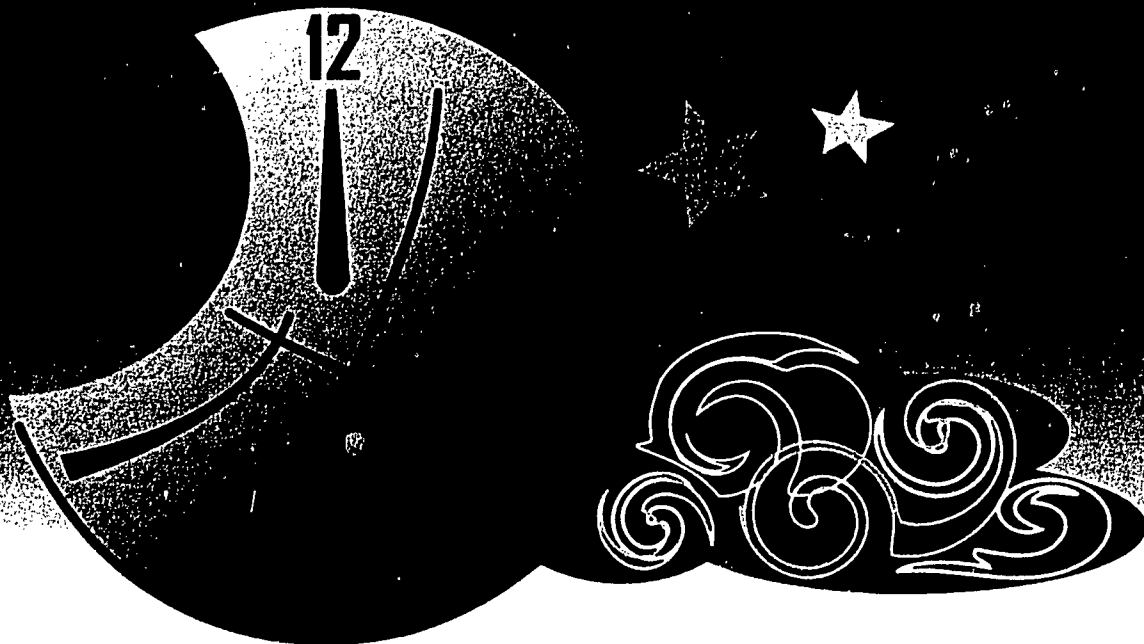
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